

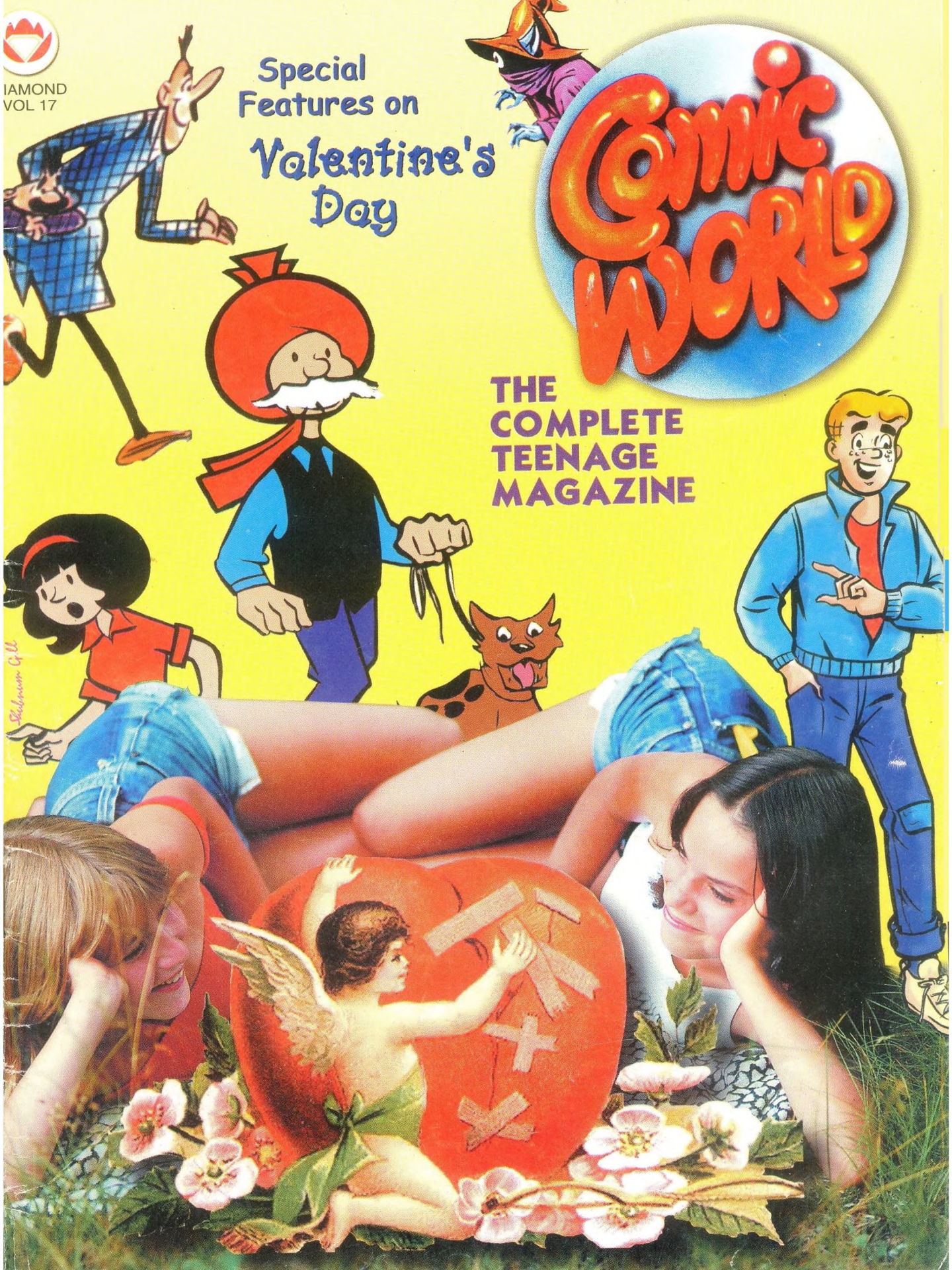


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Dear Friends,
Love is the most sacred feeling. As saint Kabir has said 'One who knows how to love does not need to know anything else.' People have expressed their love through

immortal poems, novels, paintings and plays. You express your love towards Comic World through letters that you write to us. Sometimes, we are not able to express our love to our beloved ones because of hesitation or for other reasons. 'Valentine's Day' is a wonderful occasion when millions of people around the world express their love and affection to their friends, their teachers, their parents and to their loved ones.

Friends, our Valentine are you, so accept this issue as a valentine gift from us.

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Always Yours

Gulshan Rai
(Gulshan Rai)

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IN THE NEWS



MESMERISING LIGHTS

First came the candles, then electric bulb, then the chandelier, then lighthouse, and then.... It is the turn of gigantic electrical lamp. Recently, thousands of people gathered to have a glimpse of this huge lamp. The occasion was the International lighting decoration exhibition in China. This lamp contains 1448 bulbs. Its height is 14 metre and the weight is only 3500 kg. You can imagine how beautiful that lamp must have been looking.



HEAVY MUSICIAN

At 600 pounds, Miller faces everyday tasks like walking down the street and tying his shoes with difficulty.

This man will not let any of the obvious difficulties of his life stop him. He also doesn't want to elicit anyone's pity. Miller wants his accomplished life to serve as an example that will break down the stereotypes and misconceptions about people who struggle with their weight.

A talented musician since high school, he is a popular music and computer teacher at Elkview Middle School in Elkview, W. Va.

Although he would like to be thinner, he has come to accept who he is and how he looks. And through his music, he challenges people to look at the beauty of the inner spirit.



Jumbo Rescue

Thailand _ It took five surgeons, 12 veterinarians' nurses, 20 soldiers, a crane and a fire truck working together in one massive operation to save the shattered foot of a female elephant.

Motala, a 38_year_old pachyderm weighing 4 tons, stepped on a landmine laid by rebels along the Thai border with Myanmar, formerly Burma.

After giving her enough anesthesia to knock out 70 humans, doctors worked for more than four hours to save enough bone and tissue to be able to fit her with an artificial foot after a three_month healing period.



IN THE NEWS

Chocolate Style

If you think chocolates are only for eating, you are wrong. People are not only designing clothes from it but making building models. So it has become very popular among fashion-designers and architects. In a recent fashion show held in Paris, famous designer Pecko Rabana included dresses made of chocolate in her collection. Likewise, an architect of Jakarta made a model of a mosque using 200 grams of milk and chocolate. How sweet, isn't it!



Albino Wallaby is in the Pink

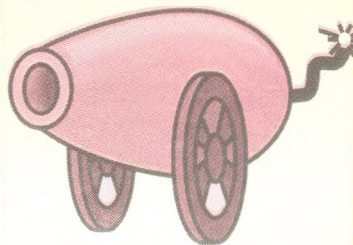
Red-eyed, big-eared Mr. Woo, the albino wallaby is in the pink of health and a whopping 12 inches tall, thanks to loving caretakers at a British wildlife park who rescued the rare marsupial after his mother refused to feed him because of his unusual colour. A diet of warm milk and a heated mat for a bed - to mimic his mom's soft pouch - has given the eight-month-old creature a second chance. Soon he'll be hop, hop, hopping away...



A Ray of Light

The march of technology is on. Now the latest part of the humanity to benefit from scientific advance is the community of blind people. Now with the help of a new technique a blind person can read slightly bigger letters and comfortably see what is going around him. This is achieved through a process in which

electrodes are planted into the brain. A camera on the spectacles send messages to these electrodes, which reads these messages.



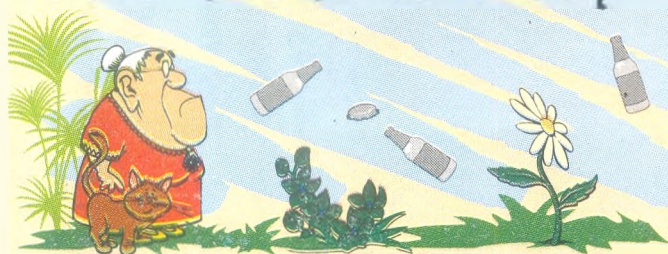
Pumpkin Cannon

We hope that one day a time will come when there will be no need of weapons. They would become useless or perhaps will be used as toys by children. That looks distant in this paranoid world, but for a French peasant, March Jeme, such time has already come. He bought an old cannon and now uses it to shoot pumpkins to entertain village children. May other also follow suit.



From the desk of Ruskin Bond

THE ZIGZAG WAY



Uncle Ken always maintained that the best way to succeed in life was to zigzag. "If you keep going off in new directions," he declared, "you'll meet with more opportunities!"

Well, opportunities certainly came Uncle Ken's way, but he was not a success in the sense that Dale Carnegie or Napolean Hill would have defined a successful man....

In a long life devoted to "muddling through" with the help of the family, Uncle Ken's many projects had included a chicken farm (rather like the one operated by Ukridge in Wodehouse's *Love Among the Chickens*), and a mineral water bottling project. For this latter enterprise, he had bought a thousand old soda water bottles and filled them with sulphur water from the springs five miles from Dehra. It was good stuff, taken in small quantities. But drunk bottle at a time, it proved corrosive - "sulphur and brimstone" as one irate customer described it - and angry buyers demonstrated in front of the house, throwing empty bottles over the wall into grandmother's garden.

Grandmother was furious more with Uncle Ken than with the demonstrators - and made him give everyone's money back. "You have to be healthy and strong to take sulphur water" he explained later.

"I thought it was meant to make you healthy and strong," I said.

Grandfather remarked that it did not compare with plain soda water that he took with his whisky. "Why don't you just bottle soda-water?" he said. "There's a much bigger demand for it".

But Uncle Ken believed that he had to be original in all things. "The secret of success is to zigzag" he said.

"You certainly zigzagged round the garden when your customers were throwing their bottles back at you," said Grandmother.

Uncle Ken also invented the zigzag walk. The only way you could really get to know a place well, he said, was to walk through in a truly haphazard way. To make a zigzag walk you take the first turning to the left, the first to the right, then the first to the left again and so on. It can be quite fascinating -

provided you are in no hurry to reach your destination

The trouble was; Uncle Ken used this zigzag method even when he had an appointment or a train to catch. When Grandmother asked him to go to the station to meet Aunt Mabel and her children, who were arriving from Lucknow, he zigzagged through the town, taking to the botanical gardens to the west and the limestone factories to the east, finally reaching the station by way of the goods yards, in order, as he said, "to take it by surprise."

Nobody was surprised, least of all Aunt Mabel, who had taken a tonga and reached the house while Uncle Ken was still sitting on the station platform, waiting for the next train to come was sent to fetch him.

"Let's zigzag home again" he said.

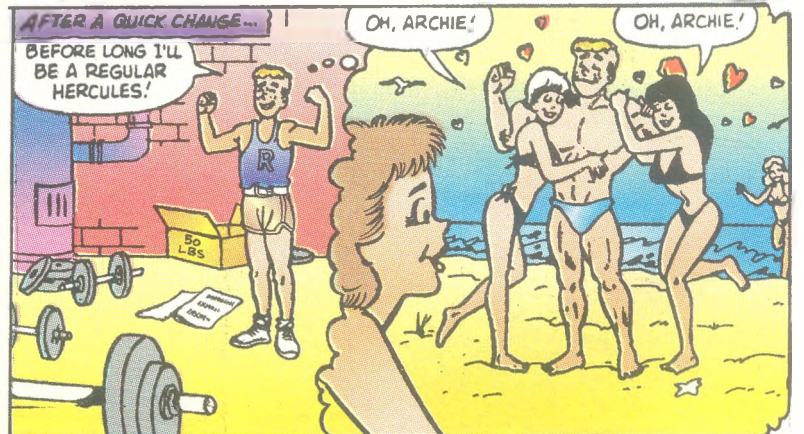
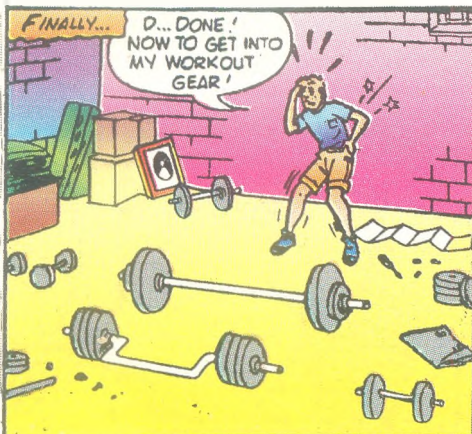
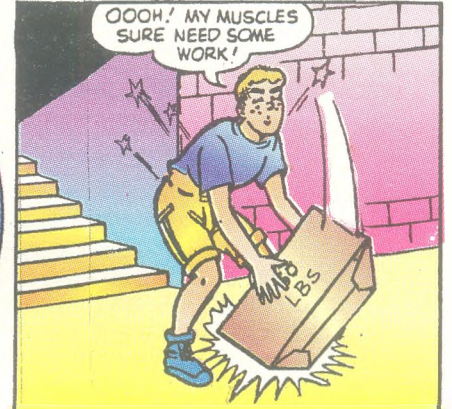
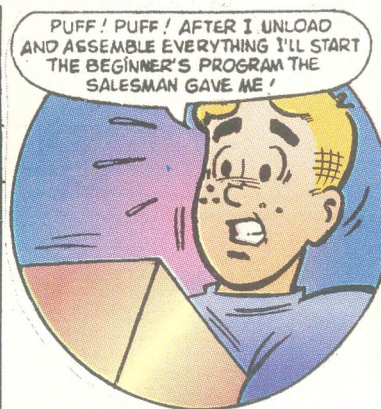
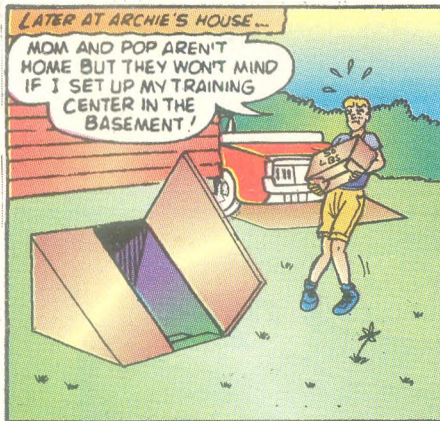
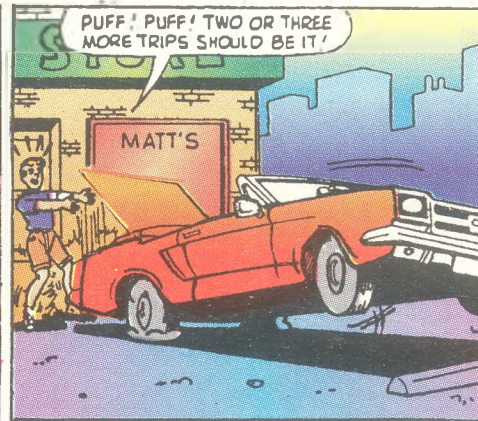
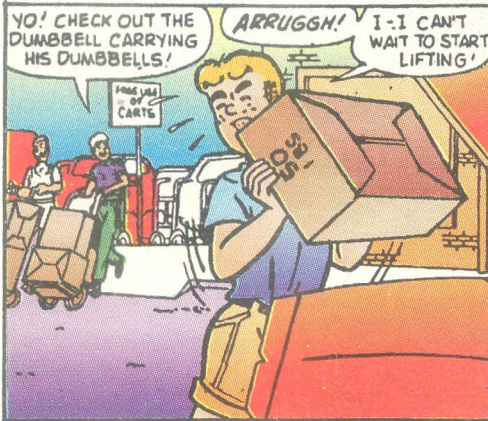
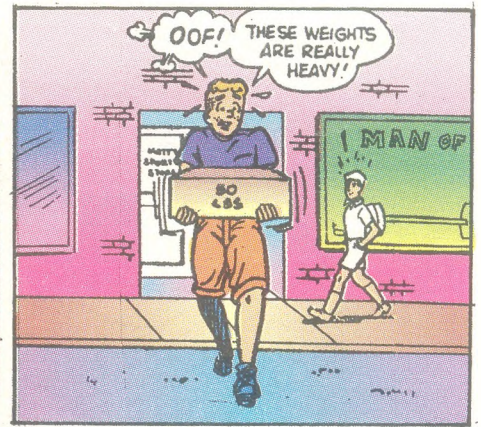
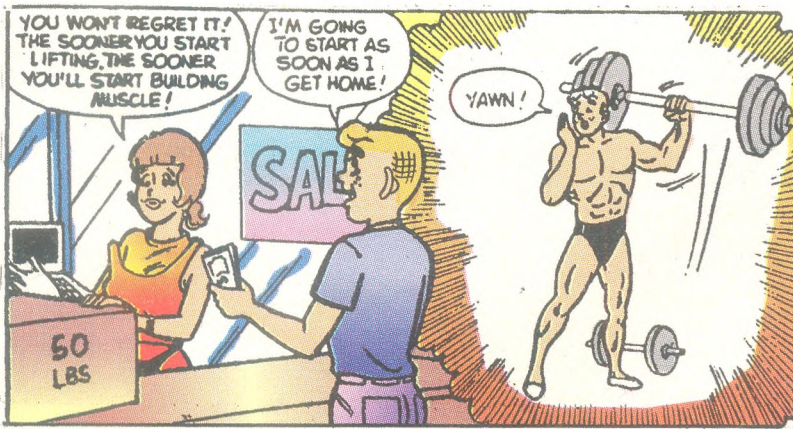
"Only on condition we eat chaat every fifteen minutes," I said.

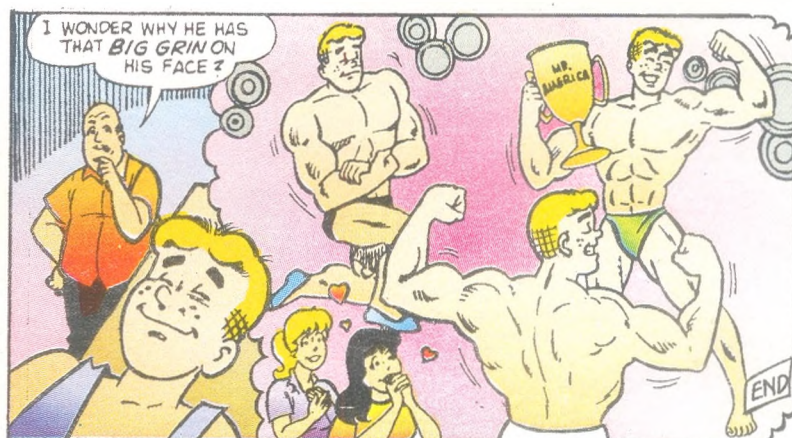
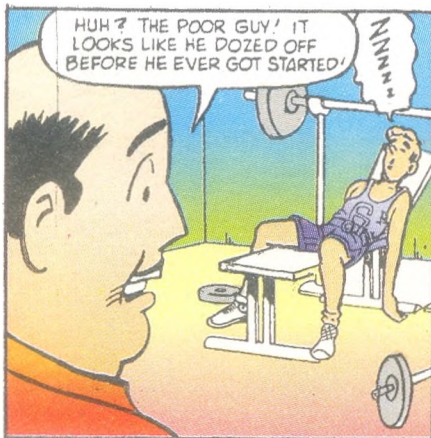
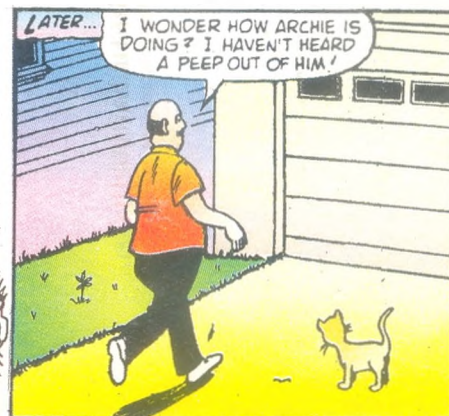
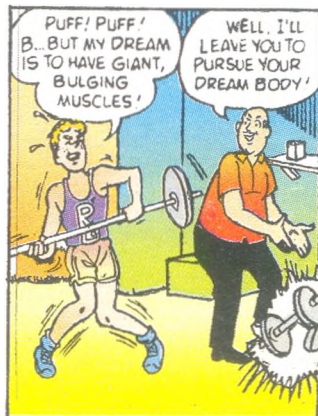
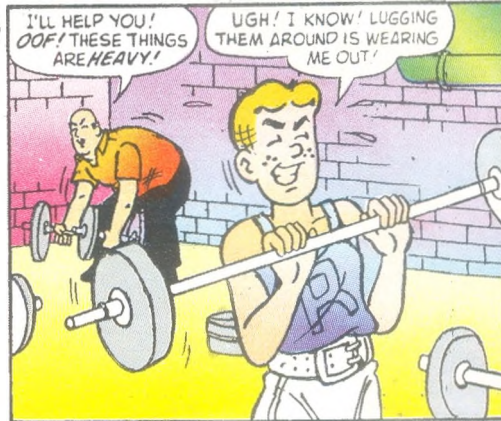
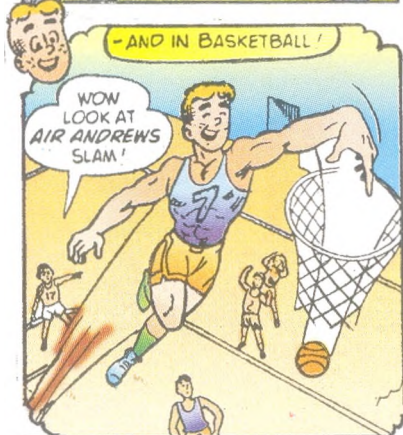
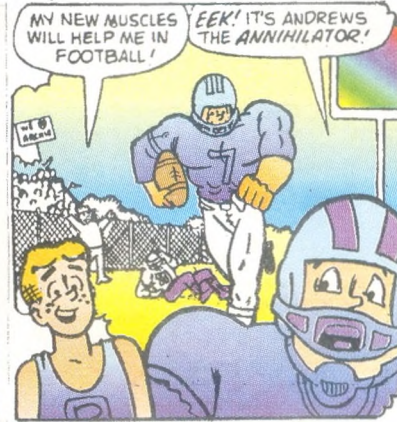
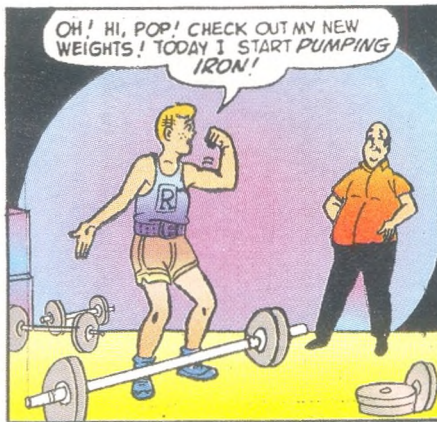
So we went home by way of all the most winding bazars - and in north-Indian towns they do tend to zigzag - stopping at numerous chaat and halwai shops, until Uncle Ken told he has finished his money. We got home very late and scolded by everyone; but as Uncle Ken told me, we were pioneers and had to be misunderstood and even maligned. Posterity would recognise the true value of zigzagging.

"The zigzag way," he said, "is the diagonal between heart and reason. In our more troubled times, had he taken to preaching on the subject, he might have acquired a large following of dropouts. But Uncle Ken was the original dropout. He would not have tolerated any others. Had he been a space traveler, he would have gone from star to star, zigzagging across the Milky Way.

Uncle Ken may not have succeeded in getting anywhere very fast, but I think he did succeed in getting at least one convert (myself) to see his point: "when you zigzag, you are not choosing what you shall see in the world, but are giving the world a chance to see you."









Anant Pai



Uncle Pai's way to Success



the charioteer wants them to move, or if every horse wants to move in a different direction, the charioteer will not be able to go far. The ancient sages of India compared the mind to a charioteer and the five senses (eyes, ears, nose, tongue and skin) to five horses. Your sense organs can help you to go ahead in life, provided you make them obey you.

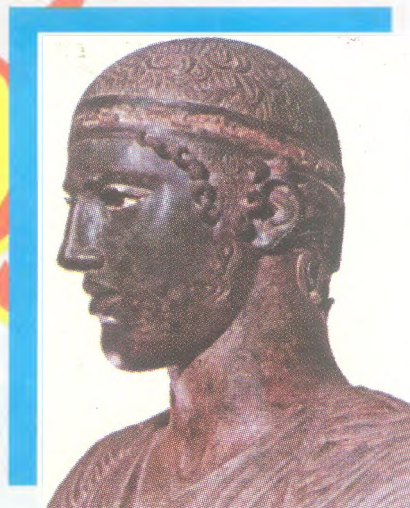
Our ancestors fixed certain time of the day for performing worship. At dawn and dusk, they enjoined upon us to say the Gayatri and some other mantras. Mantras are rhythmic. Experiments reveal that when you close your eyes and chant a mantra in a rhythmic way, or when you meditate on a mantra, it results in many physiological changes. There is a decrease in heart rate and blood pressure. There is a dramatic decrease in the level of lactates in the blood (Higher levels of lactates in the blood indicate that the person is under stress). An Electro-encephalograph study conducted at the time of meditation shows a sharp increase in the alpha rhythm of the brain. When there is an increase in the alpha rhythm, a person is quite relaxed. It is in this highly relaxed state that you can easily plant suggestions in your mind that develop will-power. In fact, the Gayatri mantra is a suggestion in itself. It is a prayer offered to Savitr (sun) to illumine our mind! The Gayatri is to be chanted at dawn and dusk; both the times are highly appropriate for planning suggestions.

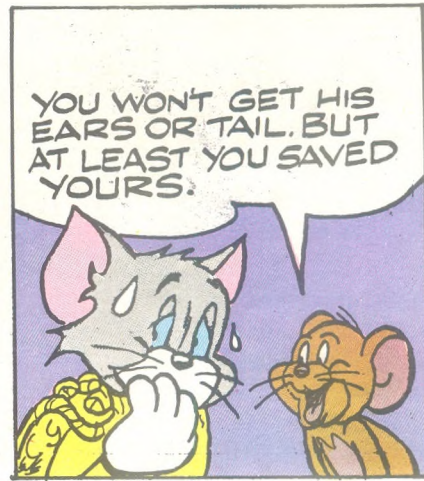
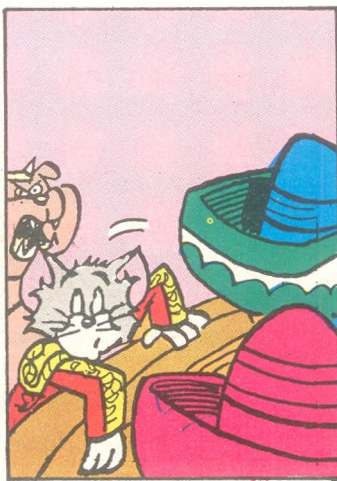
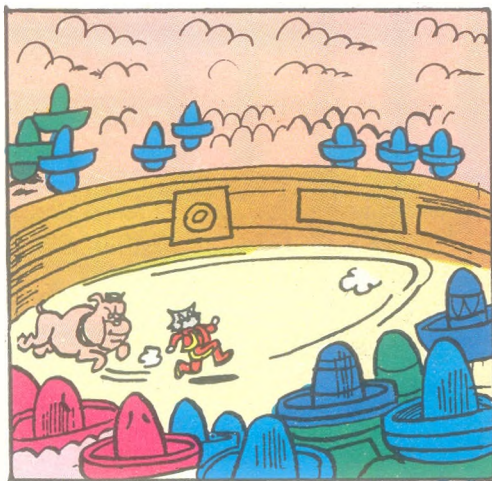
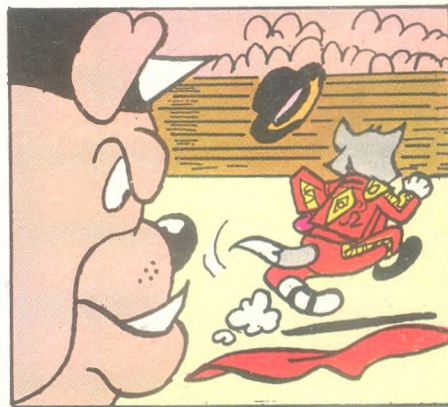
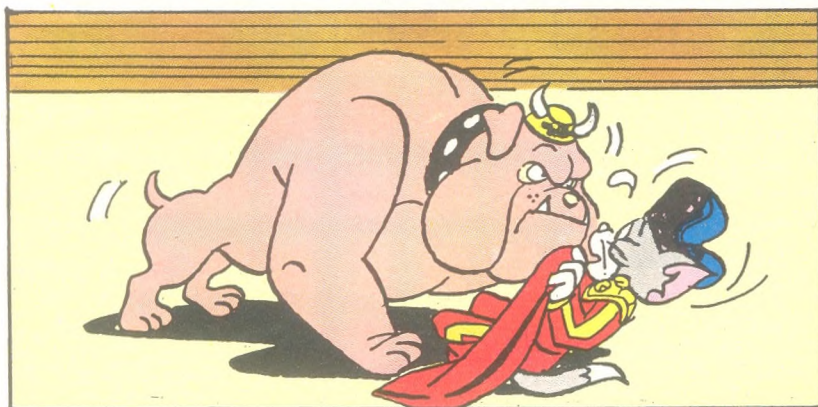
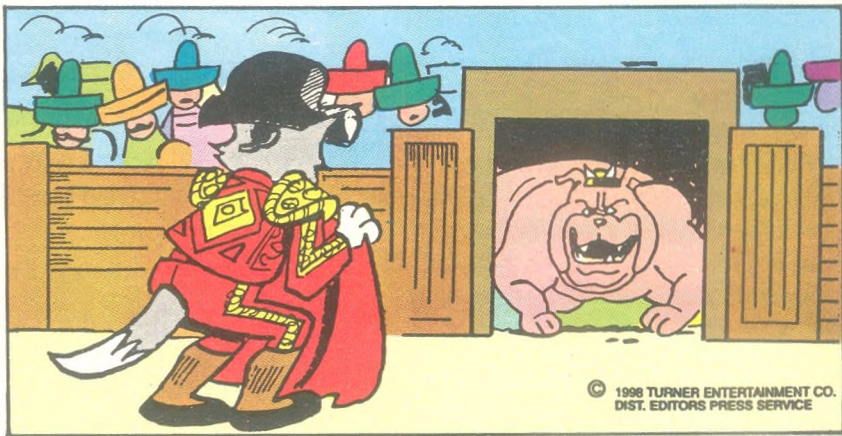
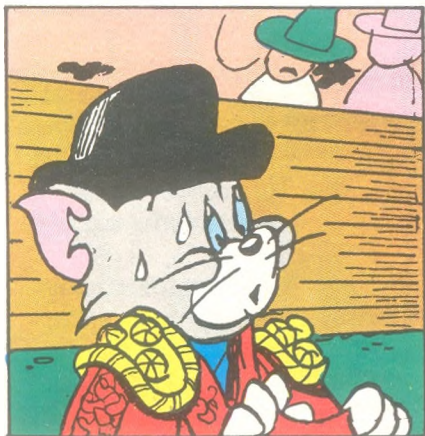
A simple experiment will convince you of the power of concentration. Take a piece and place it in the sun. What happens? It may turn dry. That is all. Now take a lens and concentrate the sun's rays at any point on the paper. Within a few minutes, the concentrated energy burns the paper.

About 2,200 years ago, Roman ships sailed towards Greece with armed men. Greece did not possess a strong army then. But a great scientist, Archimedes lived there. At the sight of the invading ships, the people of Greece panicked. But Archimedes did not lose his confidence. With the help of a number of concave mirrors, he concentrated the sun's rays on the invading ships. According to legend, many of them caught fire. The intense heat and glare turned away the other ships. It was a great achievement, was it not? Archimedes won over a fleet of ships single-handed because he knew the power of concentration.

How can you develop will-power?

In the good old days, horses were the chief means of travel. If the horses do not move in the direction in which







BARRY O' BRIEN QUIZ

MAN'S BEST FRIEND



Barry O'Brien

Dogs, wolves and foxes are descended from the same ancestors. Dogs and wolves are more alike and have probably existed for more than a million years. Mankind and their canine companions are believed to have co-existed for almost 12,000 years.


The discovery of very early cave paintings shown dogs hunting deer and antelope. However, even at that time, they have been portrayed as being tame and friendly with human beings. Men and dogs have always shared a reciprocal relationship. It is believed that dogs may have started staying near human beings for food and warmth; man, in turn, began to train dogs to work for them. Dogs were bred to provide security and hunting as well as for warmth and companionship.


It was in ancient Egypt and western Asia that different species of dogs were bred for different purposes. The Romans too, kept dogs for much the same reasons that we do today. Different breeds of dogs developed over the ages and it was only at the turn of the century that specific breeds were classified _ there are over 200 breeds of dogs all over the world.


All breeds of domestic dogs from the Chihuahua to the Great Dane are descended from the wolf and have,

therefore, inherited its instincts. Like wolves dogs are pack animals and treat humans as part of their pack. They can be trained to accept their master as the tender of the pack and to follow his commands.

Here are some interesting facts about dogs:

 Unlike human beings that perspire through their skin, dogs sweat through their paws, tongue and mouth.

 The Dhole is also called the Indian Wild Dog and it hunts large mammals in packs.


 Greyhound racing is very popular in England. The chase a mechanical hare past the finishing line.


 The Border Terrier was first bred for hunting rats.

 The Australian Terrier is capable of tackling a snake.

 The Irish Wolfhound is the tallest dog in the world.

Some record holders:

 J S Gill of Jalandhar is the owner of Razia, a Doberman bitch; she is in the Limca Book of Records for having a litter of 16 pups, 15 of which survived. This is reported to be the largest litter for any dog breed in the country.

 Danny is a German Shepherd. Owned by Major A K Agashe of Mumbai, he could well be the largest dog of his breed in India. He stands 28 inches tall; he is 53 inches long and weighs 44 kg.



Great Dane

Chihuahua

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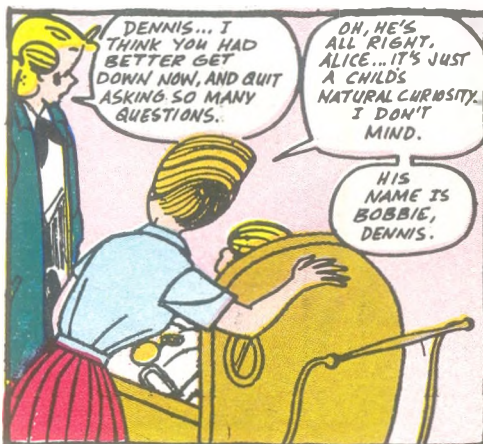
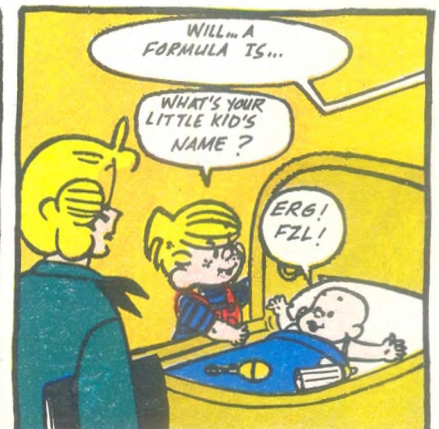
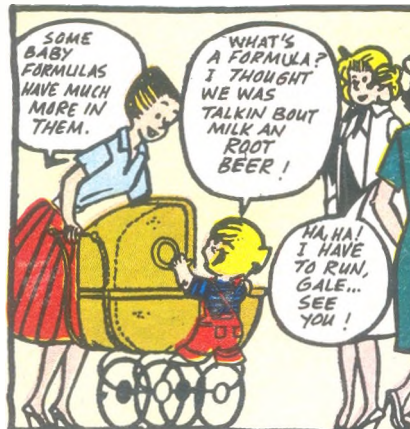
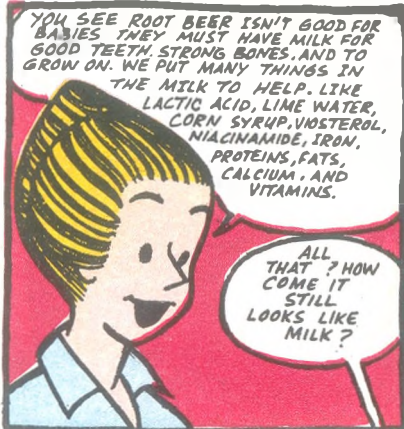
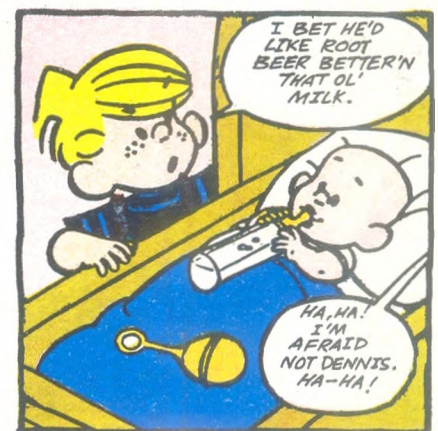
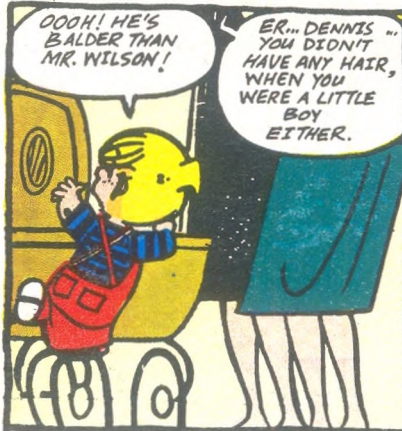
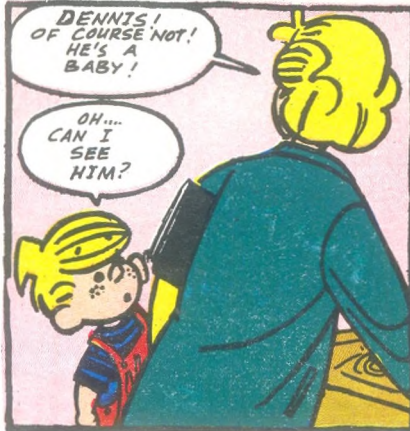
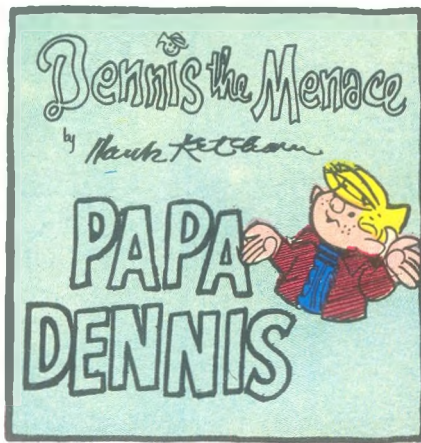
Which breed of dogs is used for rescues in the Alps?

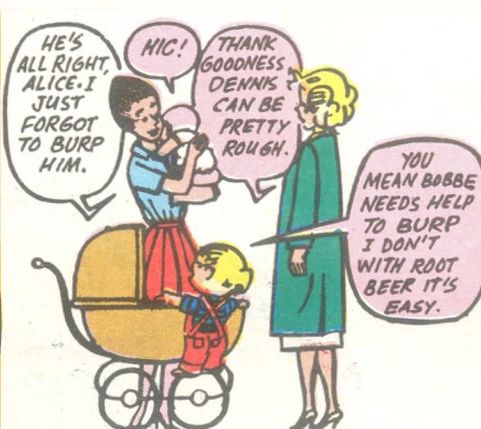
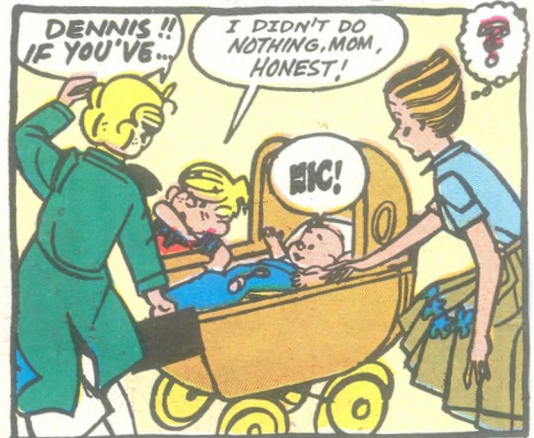
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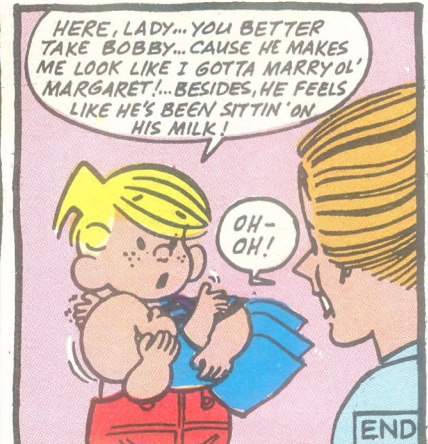
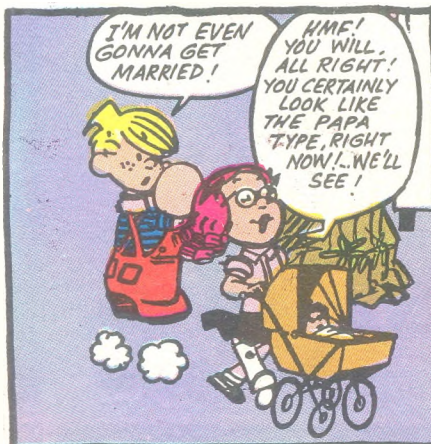
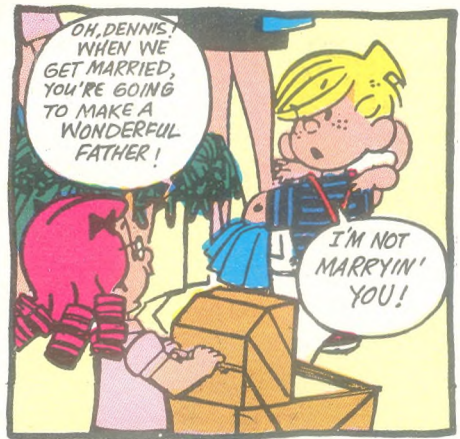
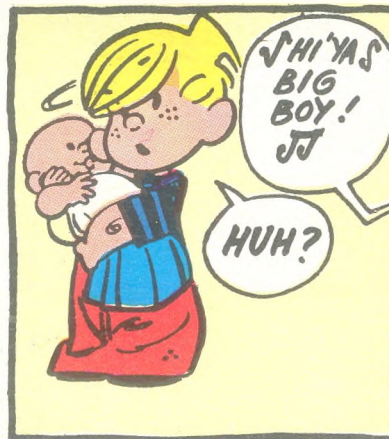
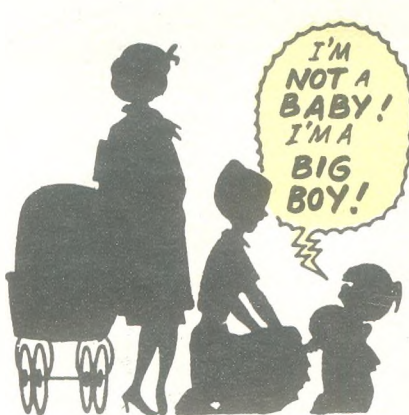
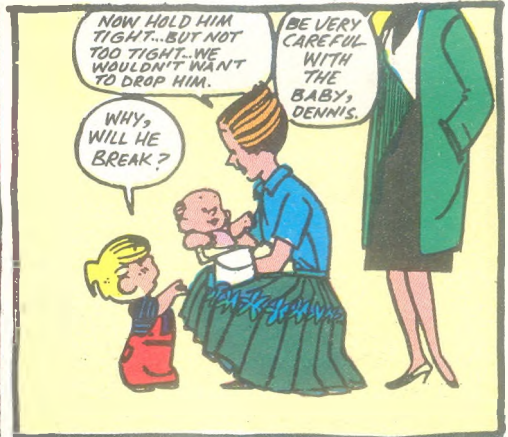
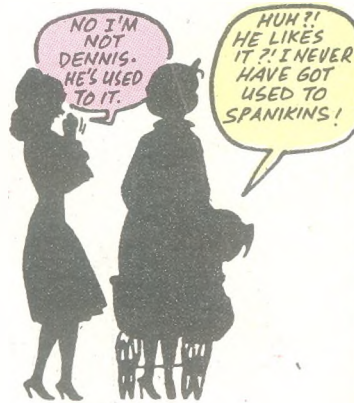
- 1) Which dog is mostly used as a guide for the blind?
- 2) Name the first dog to travel to outer space.
- 3) Frederick Algernon Trotville (Fatty) of Enid Blyton's Five Find Outers and Dog, was the owner of a dog called, Buster. What breed of dog was he?
- 4) Which breed of dogs is used for rescues in the sea?
- 5) Name the dog, which has a tongue that is blue-black in colour.
- 6) The Cocker Spaniel originated in which country?
- 7) Name the St Bernard dog, which was the nursemaid of the Darling children in Peter Pan.
- 8) Dogs walk on their toes and not on their soles - is this true or false?
- 9) In the Sherlock Holmes' mystery The Hound of the Baskervilles, what breed of dog was the hound?
- 10) By what name is the Australian Wild dog known?

Answers:
1) Alsatian. 2) Laika. 3) Scottish Terrier or a Scottie. 4) New Foundland. 5) Chow Chow. 6) USA. 7) Nana. 8) True. 9) Mastiff. 10) Dingo.

Answer of the Last month's Question
Bruce Wayne



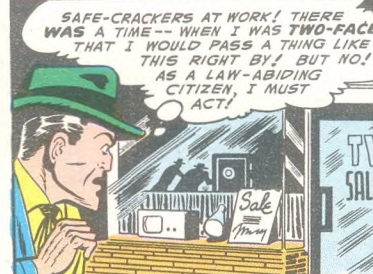






ONE EVENING, IN DOWNTOWN GOTHAM CITY...

LOOK, DEAR! THAT MAN PASSING US! THAT'S HARVEY DENT, THE LAWYER-- THE MAN ONCE KNOWN AS **TWO-FACE!** FUNNY, I WAS JUST READING HIS STRANGE STORY IN THIS MAGAZINE!



YES, HARVEY DENT IN THE FLESH---AND COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF THE TWIST OF FATE THAT LIES WAITING FOR HIM JUST MINUTES AWAY!

SAFE-CRACKERS AT WORK! THERE WAS A TIME-- WHEN I WAS **TWO-FACE**-- THAT I WOULD PASS A THING LIKE THIS RIGHT BY! BUT NO! AS A LAW-ABIDING CITIZEN, I MUST ACT!



AND SO, A MOMENT LATER...

ALL RIGHT, YOU TWO! STAND WHERE YOU ARE!

HE SCARED ME! BY ACCIDENT, I LIT THE EXPLOSIVE BEFORE THE CHARGE WAS SET! LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!



SO INTENT IS HE ON CAPTURING THE CROOKS, DENT FAILS TO HEED THE DANGER-SIGNS! ALL AT ONCE...



RUSHING BLINDLY OUT OF THE STORE, HIS FACE BEARDED WITH PAIN, DENT HAILS A CAB WHICH TAKES HIM HOME. THEN, IN THE PRIVACY OF HIS BEDROOM...

LOOK AT ME! THE EXPLOSION HAS UNDONE ALL MY PLASTIC SURGERY-- I HAVE BECOME **TWO-FACE!! TWO-FACE!!**

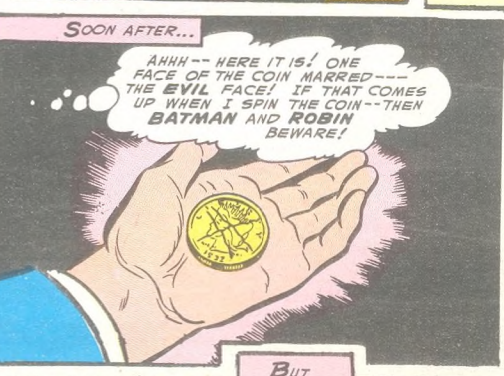


AND NOW IT BECOMES CLEAR THAT MORE THAN DENT'S FACE HAS BEEN RE-INJURED! THE SCAR REACHES RIGHT THROUGH TO HIS BRAIN!

THIS SETTLES IT! THIS PROVES I WAS MEANT TO BE A CRIMINAL! FATE HAS DECREED IT! MY DOCTOR WARNED ME AGAINST ANY FUTURE ACCIDENTS-- SAID PLASTIC SURGERY COULDN'T BE PERFORMED A SECOND TIME! I'M DOOMED! LOOK THIS WAY FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!



ALL RIGHT! IF THAT'S THE WAY IT MUST BE, I'LL GIVE IT THE FINAL TEST! I HAD A DUPLICATE MADE OF MY FAMED **TWO-FACED** COIN, TO KEEP AS A MEMENTO! I'LL SOON SEE IF ITS DECISION CONCURS WITH THAT OF FATE!



SOON AFTER...

AHHH-- HERE IT IS! ONE FACE OF THE COIN MARKED--- THE EVIL FACE! IF THAT COMES UP WHEN I SPIN THE COIN-- THEN **BATMAN AND ROBIN** BEWARE!



ABRUPTLY, **TWO-FACE** FLIPS THE BIZARRE COIN INTO THE AIR, THEN, AS IT BOUNCES AND FINALLY SETTLES ON THE FLOOR--

THE EVIL FACE UP! THE CRIMINAL CAREER OF **TWO-FACE** BEGINS AGAIN! AND I MUST THINK UP SOMETHING VERY SPECIAL TO FIT THE OCCASION!



NEXT EVENING AT THE GOTHAM CITY CIRCUS, THE AUDIENCE GETS AN UNEXPECTED SHOCK...

LOOK! IT'S **TWO-FACE!** HE'S BACK IN OUR MIDST!

HE'S PROBABLY AFTER THE GATE RECEIPTS! CALL THE POLICE!

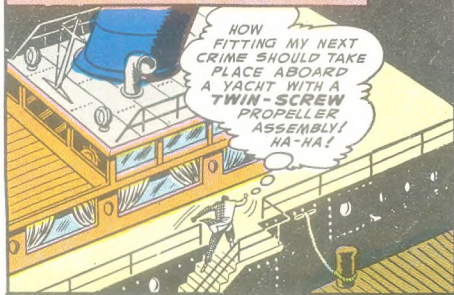
STILL USING HIS PERSONAL SYMBOL, THE NUMBER **TWO!** SEE? TWO WHITE HORSES! HELP!



BUT THE SCARRED CRIMINAL DOES NOT ATTACK THE BOXOFFICE, AS EXPECTED! INSTEAD, HE BARGES INTO THE DRESSING-ROOM OF TARANDO, WORLD-FAMOUS CLOWN!

AHH! TARANDO, THE CLOWN! KNOWN TO KEEP A FABULOUS DIAMOND STICKPIN COLLECTION IN HIS DRESSING-ROOM! I'LL JUST TAKE THEM IF YOU DON'T MIND!

AN HOUR LATER, ABOARD THE YACHT, "SUPREME", DOCKED AT THE GOTHAM BOAT CLUB...



HOW FITTING MY NEXT CRIME SHOULD TAKE PLACE ABOARD A YACHT WITH A TWIN-SCREW PROPELLER ASSEMBLY! HA-HA!

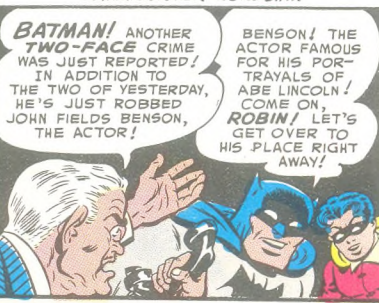
IN THE NEXT MOMENT...



SO YOU'RE CHARLES FORD, THE MILLIONAIRE DEEP-SEA DIVER! AH-HA! AND THERE ARE THE GEMS FROM THE MANY BURIED TREASURES YOU FOUND ON THE OCEAN BOTTOM! A NICE HAUL, EH??? HA-HA!

TWO-FACE! HELP!

NEXT DAY AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN RESPOND TO AN URGENT SUMMONS SENT OUT BY COMMISSIONER GORDON...



BATMAN! ANOTHER TWO-FACE CRIME WAS JUST REPORTED! IN ADDITION TO THE TWO OF YESTERDAY, HE'S JUST ROBBED JOHN FIELDS BENSON, THE ACTOR!

BENSON! THE ACTOR FAMOUS FOR HIS PORTRAYALS OF ABEL LINCOLN! COME ON, ROBIN! LET'S GET OVER TO HIS PLACE RIGHT AWAY!

SOON AFTER, IN THE ACTOR'S APARTMENT...



I'D JUST COME HOME AFTER THE MATINEE PERFORMANCE-- I DON'T BOTHER TO REMOVE MY MAKE-UP BETWEEN THE MATINEE AND EVENING SHOW-- WHEN TWO-FACE BURST IN UPON ME!

AND HE STOLE YOUR VALUABLE COLLECTION OF LINCOLN'S PAPERS! HMMM--- THIS IS NOT LIKE THE TWO-FACE OF OLD!

LATER, IN THE SECRET BATCAVE, AS THE FAMED LAWYER REVERT TO THEIR EVERY-DAY ROLES SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON...

TWO-FACE HAS COME BACK-- HOW, WHY, WE DON'T KNOW AS YET! BUT EVEN MORE PUZZLING ARE THE CRIMES HE'S COMMITTING! THERE'S NO PATTERN TO THEM!

MAYBE HE'S JUST MAD--- AND HE'S STRIKING WHEREVER HIS FANCY CARRIES HIM!

THEN...

NO, DICK! I'VE GOT IT! I'VE FOUND THE THREAD THAT BINDS THESE THREE CRIMES TOGETHER!

HOW ABOUT YOU??? ARE YOU AS CLEVER AS THE GREAT BATMAN? HAVE YOU CAUGHT ON TO TWO-FACE'S SCHEME?

MEANWHILE, IN HIS HIDEOUT, THE BIZARRE JEKYLL-AND-HYDE CRIMINAL ENJOYS HIS INITIAL TRIUMPHS!

YES! I'M TAKING MY REVENGE ON ALL OTHERS WHOSE LIVES DEPEND ON TWO-FACES! AND NOW I'M READY TO ENLARGE MY OPERATION BY HIRING A GANG. IF YOU'RE READY, WE'LL PROCEED WITH THE INTERVIEWING!

LOOKIT THIS PLACE! EVERYTHING IN TWOS!

SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, IN THE BATCAVE CRIME LAB...



YOU SEE, DICK??? ALL OF TWO-FACE'S LATEST VICTIMS HAD ONE THING IN COMMON-- IN A SENSE THEY TOO WERE MEN WITH TWO-FACES!

OF COURSE! SO THAT'S TWO-FACE'S NEWEST WRINKLE! HE'S APPARENTLY DECLARED WAR ON ALL THE OTHER TWO-FACES IN GOTHAM CITY!

NOW THAT WE KNOW HOW TWO-FACE IS WORKING, IT NARROWS THE FIELD OF POSSIBLE FUTURE VICTIMS! WE'LL COMPIL A LIST OF ALL PEOPLE WHO GO THROUGH LIFE WITH TWO FACES!



TARANDO THE CLOWN WITHOUT MAKE-UP
TARANDO THE CLOWN WITH MAKE-UP



CHARLES FORD, IN DEEP SEA DIVER'S HELMET
CHARLES FORD, IN DEEP SEA DIVER'S HELMET



ACTOR JOHN BENSON WITHOUT MAKE-UP
BENSON IN HIS LINCOLN MAKE-UP

THEN, AS THE HOODLUM APPLICANTS LINE UP, BACH FINDS HIS CHANCE FOR A JOB HANGS ON THE TURN OF A COIN...



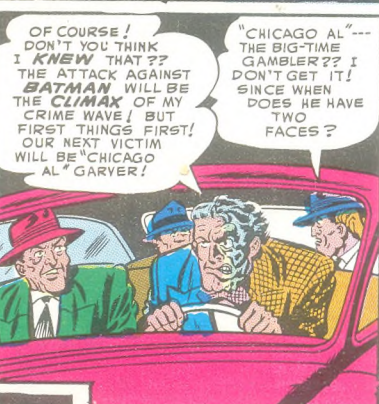
YOU'RE LUCKY! MY TWO-FACED COIN LANDED BAD SIDE UP! THAT MEANS YOU'RE HIRED AS PART OF MY GANG!

NEXT DAY, THE TWIN-TERRORER CRIMINAL IS READY TO STRIKE AGAIN!



AHHH! MY NEW TWO-TONE CAR! JUST THE THING TO CARRY US ON OUR NEXT JOB AGAINST A MAN WITH TWO FACES!

SAY! I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHIN', BOSS! YOU KNOW WHO HAS TWO FACES? BATMAN!



OF COURSE! I DON'T YOU THINK I KNEW THAT?? THE ATTACK AGAINST BATMAN WILL BE THE CLIMAX OF MY CRIME WAVE! BUT FIRST THINGS FIRST! OUR NEXT VICTIM WILL BE "CHICAGO AL" GARYER!

"CHICAGO AL"--- THE BIG-TIME GAMBLER?? I DON'T GET IT! SINCE WHEN DOES HE HAVE TWO FACES?

SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, IN THE BATCAVE, AS THE POLICE RADIO CALL ARRESTS THE ATTENTION OF BATMAN AND ROBIN...



A PEDESTRIAN REPORTS SEEING TWO-FACE AND A CAR FULL OF THUGS SPEEDING NORTH ON GOTHAM POINT ROAD...

SOMEONE'S SPOTTED TWO-FACE! COME ON, BATMAN!



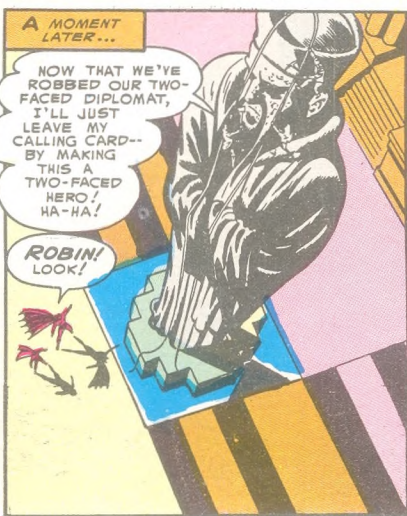
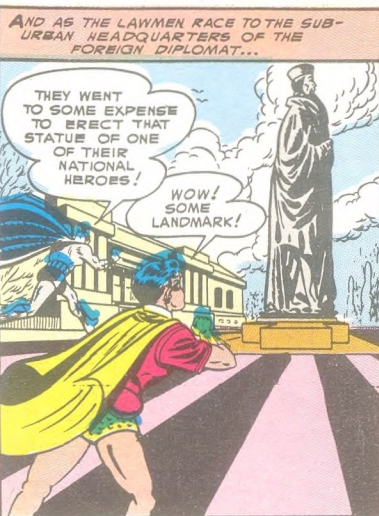
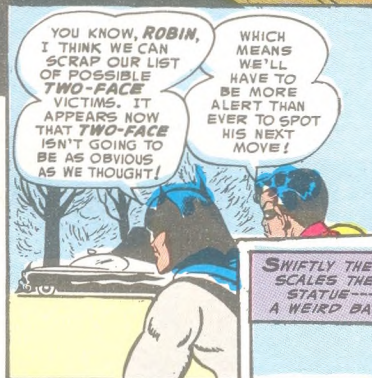
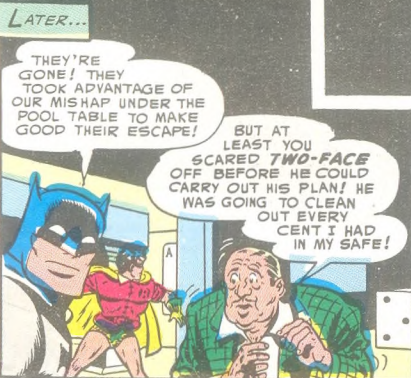
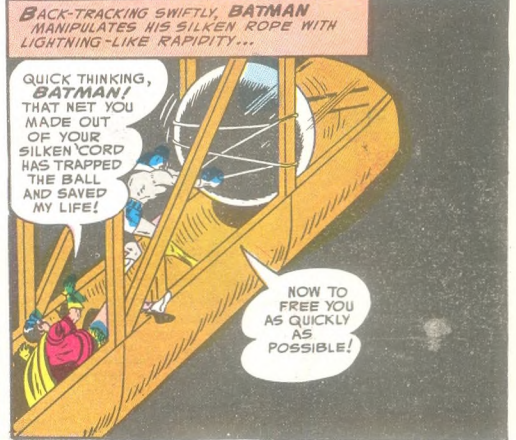
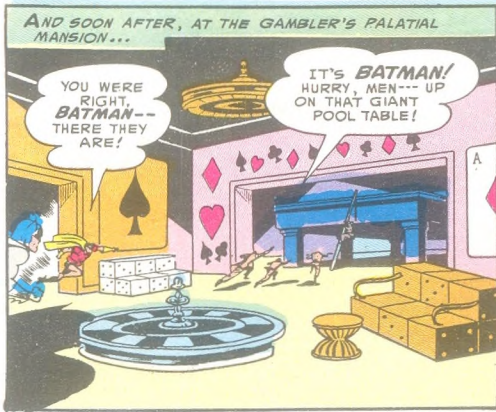
THERE ARE ONLY FOUR BIG ESTATES OUT ON GOTHAM POINT! WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIGURE OUT WHICH ONE WOULD INTEREST TWO-FACE!

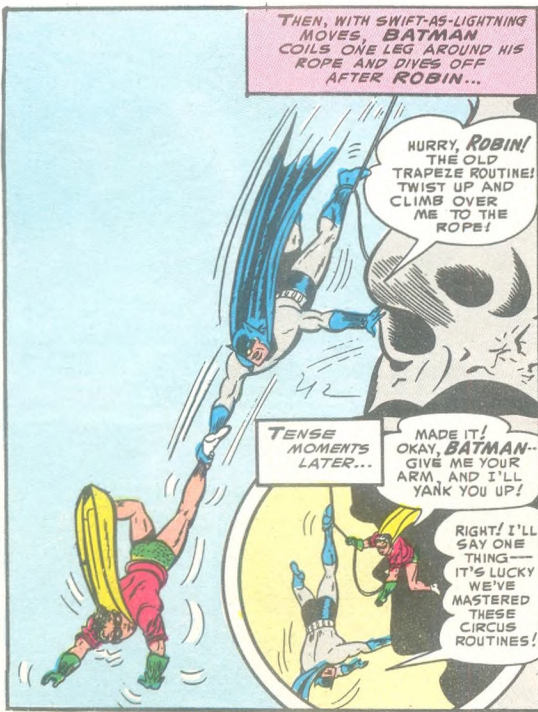
BUT I KNOW THE PEOPLE LIVING THERE, AND IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE! THERE'S EDGAR FANLEY, THE AUTHOR-- DR. FRIEND, THE SURGEON-- "CHICAGO AL" GARYER, THE GAMBLER-- AND NICK REO, THE RESTAURANT OWNER! WHY WOULD TWO-FACE ATTACK ONE OF THEM?

IN THE NEXT MOMENT, THE POWERFUL BATMOBILE IS EATING UP THE MILES EN ROUTE TO GOTHAM POINT! ALL AT ONCE...

I'VE GOT IT, ROBIN! TWO-FACE IS PROBABLY GUNNING FOR "CHICAGO AL" HE'S A MAN WITH TWO FACES! HIS REGULAR ONE-- AND THE ONE HE PLAYS CARDS WITH, HIS POKER FACE!

WOW! I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT! BUT IT MAKES PLENTY OF SENSE!





THEN, WITH SWIFT-AS-LIGHTNING MOVES, **BATMAN** COILS ONE LEG AROUND HIS ROPE AND DIVES OFF AFTER **ROBIN**...

HURRY, **ROBIN**! THE OLD TRAPEZE ROUTINE! TWIST UP AND CLIMB OVER ME TO THE ROPE!

TENSE MOMENTS LATER...

MADE IT! OKAY, **BATMAN**—GIVE ME YOUR ARM, AND I'LL YANK YOU UP!

RIGHT! I'LL SAY ONE THING—IT'S LUCKY WE'VE MASTERED THESE CIRCUS ROUTINES!



SOON AFTER...

HE SLIPPED OUT OF OUR GRASP AGAIN! WHO KNOWS WHEN WE'LL GET ANOTHER SUCH OPPORTUNITY?

THAT'S JUST IT! WE'VE GOT TO MAKE OUR OPPORTUNITIES! IF THERE'S ONLY SOME WAY WE COULD DRAW HIM OUT OF HIDING...



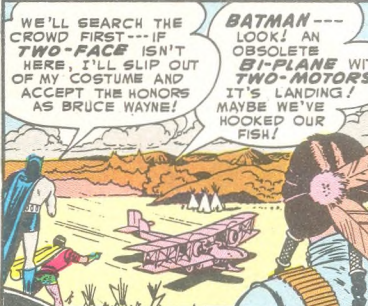
THEN, LATE THAT EVENING...

SAY--- I JUST REMEMBERED! THE LOCAL SIOUX RESERVATION WANTS TO HONOR BRUCE WAYNE FOR HIS CHARITY WORK BY MAKING HIM AN HONORARY CHIEF! I'VE PUT IT OFF-- BEEN TOO BUSY! BUT MAYBE THIS IS A WAY TO LURE **TWO-FACE**!



WHEN BRUCE WAYNE IS CROWNED AS CHIEF, THAT OFFICIALLY MAKES HIM A **PALEFACE INDIAN**! THE RIFES ARE SURE TO PLAY THAT ANGLE UP--- AND THAT GIVES BRUCE WAYNE **TWO-FACES**! IT'S A LONG SHOT-- BUT CERTAINLY WORTH TRYING!

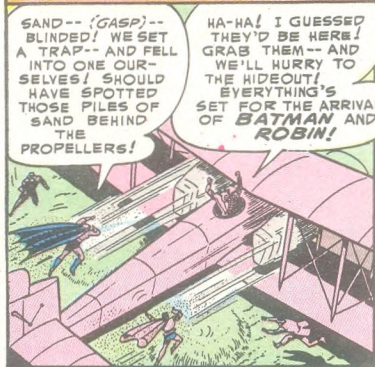
AND SO TWO DAYS LATER, AS A THROG GATHERS TO WITNESS THE CEREMONY AT THE SIOUX RESERVATION...



WE'LL SEARCH THE CROWD FIRST--- IF **TWO-FACE** ISN'T HERE, I'LL SLIP OUT OF MY COSTUME AND ACCEPT THE HONORS AS BRUCE WAYNE!

BATMAN--- LOOK! AN OBSOLETE **BI-PLANE** WITH **TWO-MOTORS**! IT'S LANDING! MAYBE WE'VE HOOKED OUR FISH!

BUT AS THE LAWMEN SWIFTLY SNEAK UP BEHIND THE PLANE...



SAND-- (GASP)-- BLINDED! WE SET A TRAP-- AND FELL INTO ONE OURSELVES! SHOULD HAVE SPOTTED THOSE PILES OF SAND BEHIND THE PROPELLERS!

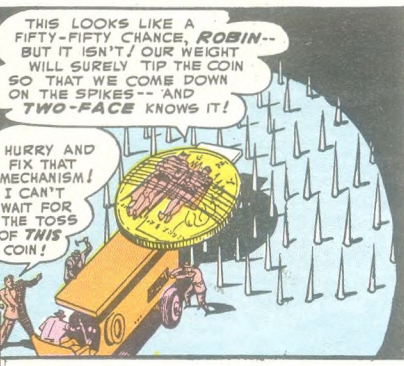
HA-HA! I GUESSED THEY'D BE HERE! GRAB THEM-- AND WE'LL HURRY TO THE HIDEOUT! EVERYTHING'S SET FOR THE ARRIVAL OF **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**!



AND SOON AFTER, AT **TWO-FACE**'S HIDEOUT, A GRIM SIGHT GREET'S THE CAPTURED CRIMEFIGHTERS...

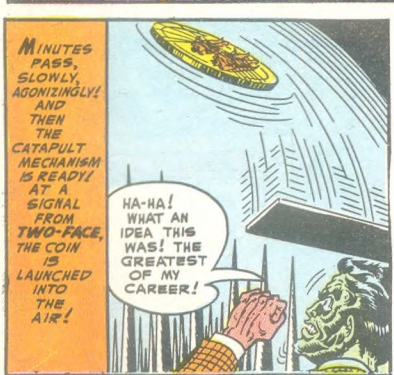
ONCE AGAIN MY **LUCKY COIN** WILL DECIDE YOUR FATE, **BATMAN**! ONLY THIS TIME, IT WILL BE A GIANT COIN! YOU'LL BE STRAPPED TO THE COIN AND FLIPPED BY THAT DEVICE INTO THE AIR OVER THE SPIKES! IF YOU COME DOWN WRONG-SIDE-UP--- WELL, NEED I SAY MORE?

SOON AFTER, AS THE HAPLESS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** ARE STRAPPED WITH WIRE ACROSS THE "GOOD FACE" OF THE HUGE COIN...



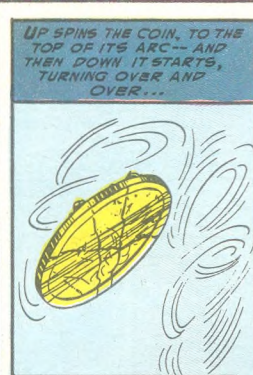
HURRY AND FIX THAT MECHANISM! I CAN'T WAIT FOR THE TOSS OF THIS COIN!

THIS LOOKS LIKE A FIFTY-FIFTY CHANCE, **ROBIN**-- BUT IT ISN'T! OUR WEIGHT WILL SURELY TIP THE COIN SO THAT WE COME DOWN ON THE SPIKES-- AND **TWO-FACE** KNOWS IT!



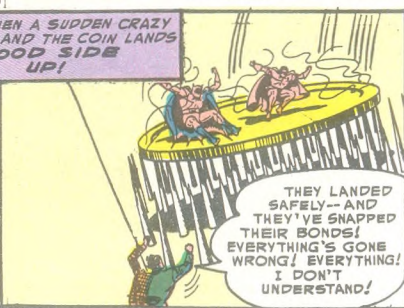
MINUTES PASS, SLOWLY, AGONIZINGLY! AND THEN THE CATAPULT MECHANISM IS READY! AT A SIGNAL FROM **TWO-FACE**, THE COIN IS LAUNCHED INTO THE AIR!

HA-HA! WHAT AN IDEA THIS WAS! THE GREATEST OF MY CAREER!



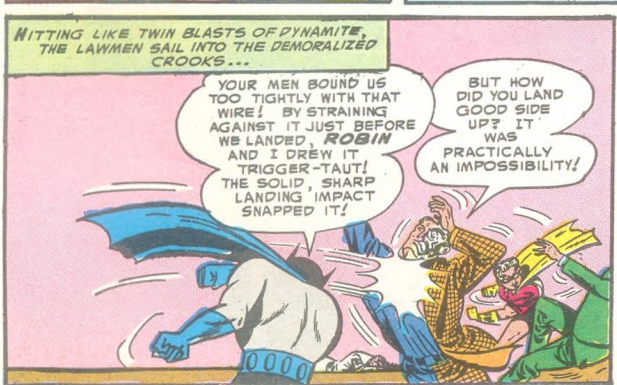
UP SPINS THE COIN, TO THE TOP OF ITS ARC-- AND THEN DOWN IT STARTS, TURNING OVER AND OVER...

DOWN... DOWN... EVER SPINNING... GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER!



AND THEN A SUDDEN CRAZY FLIP, AND THE COIN LANDS GOOD SIDE UP!

THEY LANDED SAFELY-- AND THEY'VE SNAPPED THEIR BONDS! EVERYTHING'S GONE WRONG! EVERYTHING! I DON'T UNDERSTAND!



WHITING LIKE TWIN BLASTS OF DYNAMITE, THE LAWMEN SAIL INTO THE DEMORALIZED CROOKS...

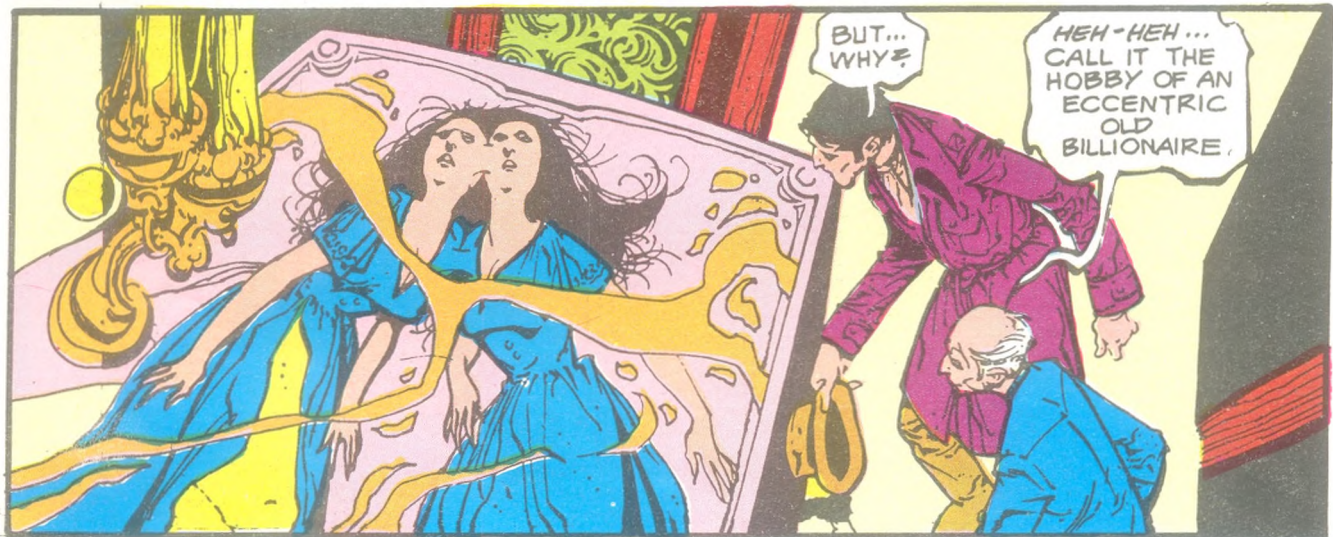
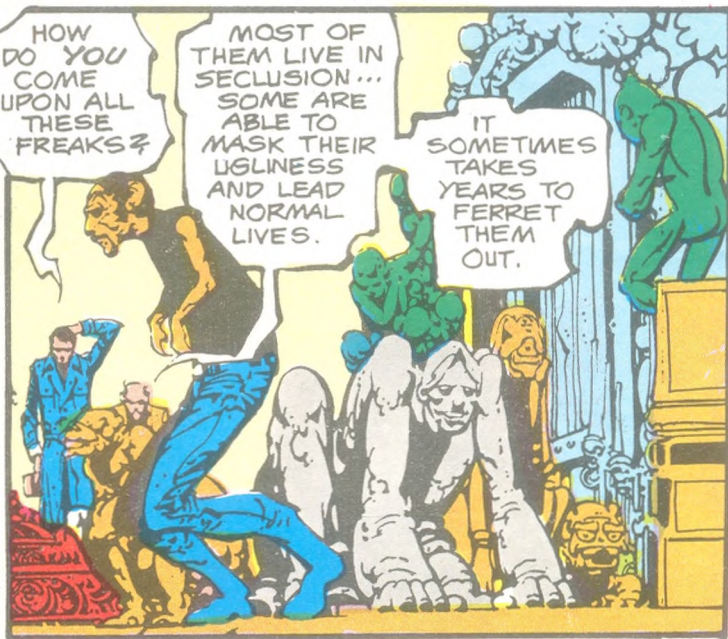
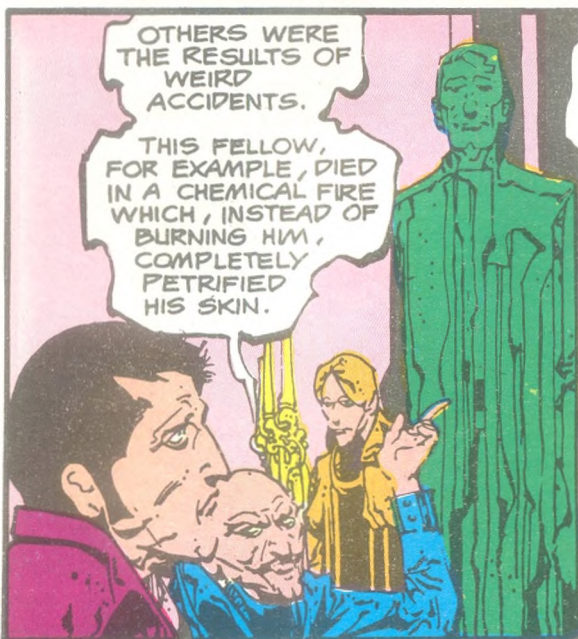
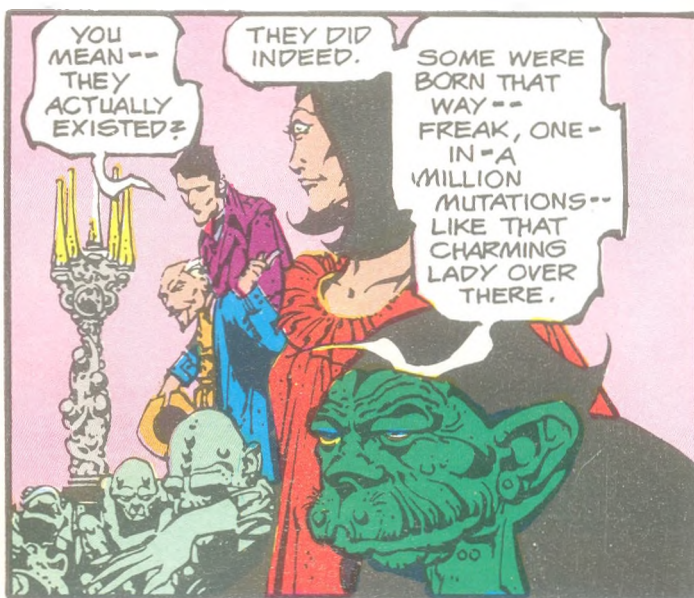
YOUR MEN BOUND US TOO TIGHTLY WITH THAT WIRE! BY STRAINING AGAINST IT JUST BEFORE WE LANDED, **ROBIN** AND I DREW IT TRIGGER-TAUT! THE SOLID, SHARP LANDING IMPACT SNAPPED IT!

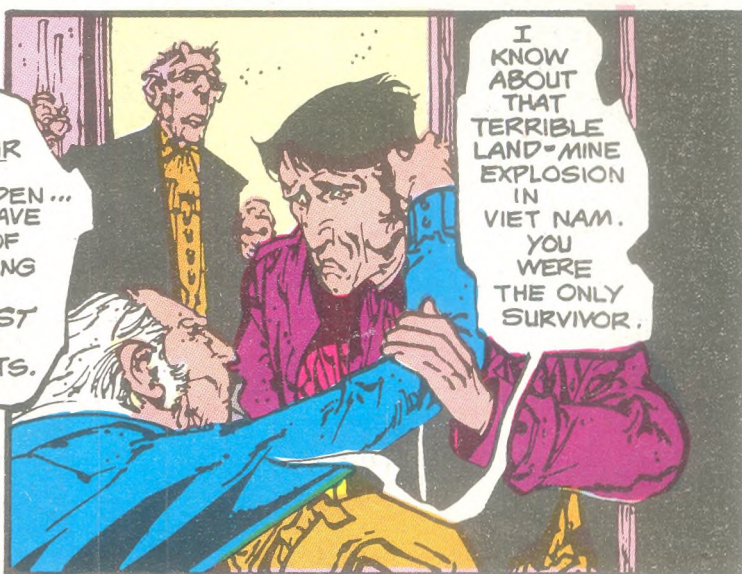
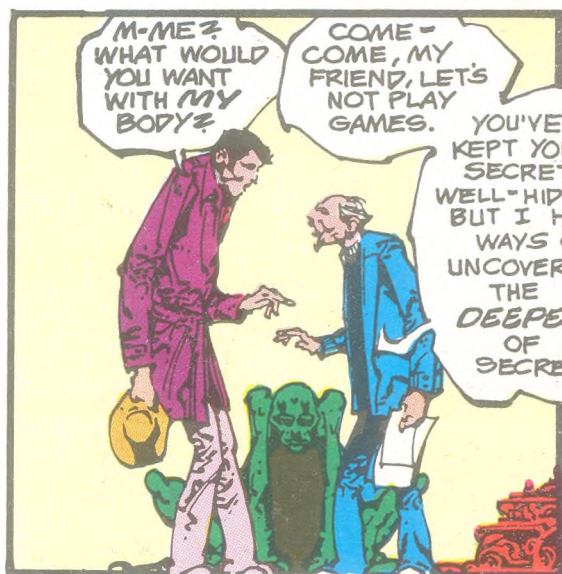
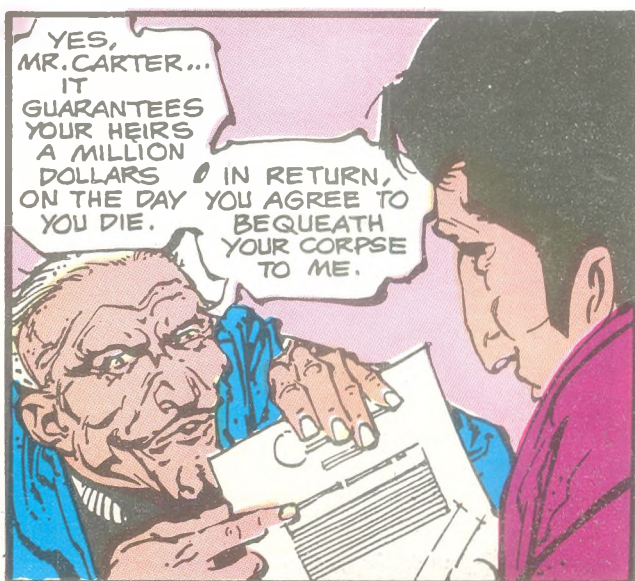
BUT HOW DID YOU LAND GOOD SIDE UP? IT WAS PRACTICALLY AN IMPOSSIBILITY!



YOU SLIPPED UP! YOU STRAPPED US TO THAT COIN IN SUCH A WAY THAT OUR HANDS COULD REACH OUR BELT RADIOS! YOU NEVER NOTICED US FIDDLING WITH OUR RADIOS, CHANGING CONNECTIONS, TURNING THE RADIOS INTO **ELECTRO-MAGNETS**!

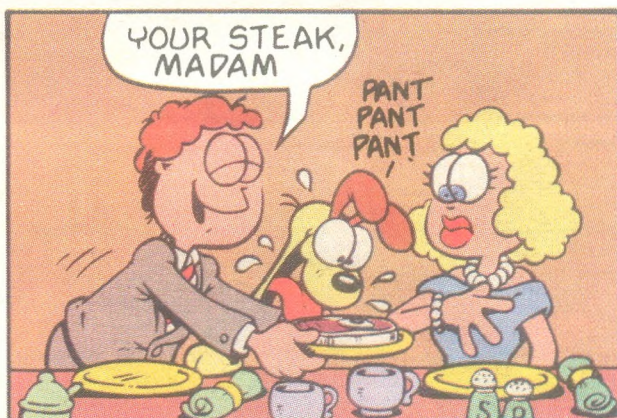
BY CONNECTING THESE MAGNETS WITH OUR WIRE BINDINGS, WE SET UP A POWERFUL **NEGATIVE MAGNETIC FIELD**! IT REPELLED THOSE SPIKES-- MAKING THE COIN LAND THE WAY IT DID!





GARFIELD

High steaks



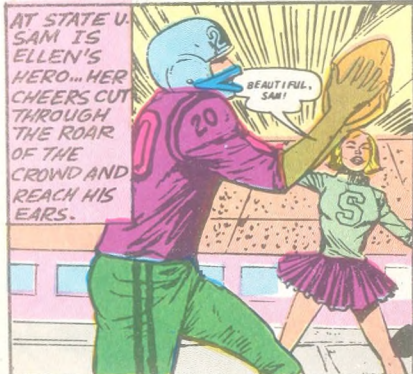
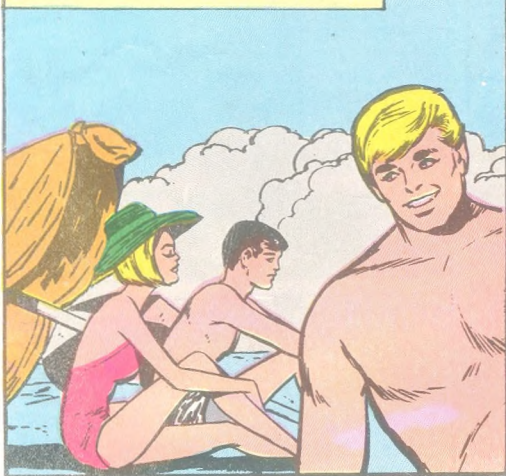
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SAM, FROM PLAYPEN, WAS CRAZY ABOUT PRETTY ELLEN NEXT DOOR. EVERYONE, INCLUDING SAM AND ELLEN, KNEW...ONE DAY THEY'D BE MARRIED AND HAVE HAPPY CHILDREN OF THEIR OWN.



IN A ROMANCE WITH A BUILT-IN HAPPY ENDING LIKE THIS...WHAT ROLES WILL LEW MORTON AND MARTHA HAYES, PLAY?

RESISTING ALL TEMPTATION, ELLEN REMAINED TRUE TO SAM...



AT STATE U. SAM IS ELLEN'S HERO...HER CHEERS CUT THROUGH THE ROAR OF THE CROWD AND REACH HIS EARS.

BEAUTIFUL, SAM!

YOU WERE MARVIE SAM.

IT'S SO NICE TO BE HERE WITH HIM...I FEEL SO SERENE...SO SAFE.

THE CHEERS WERE GREAT, ELLEN...

ELLEN IS BEAUTIFUL.

BUT DO I LOVE HIM?

DO I LOVE ELLEN?

LITTLE SAM IS GENTLE WITH MY ELLEN, MARIE. WOULDN'T IT BE WONDERFUL IF THEY GREW UP AND ...?

IT DOESN'T HAPPEN THAT WAY, EXCEPT IN STORYBOOKS, DOTTIE.



FAT GEORGE PULLED MY HAIR AGAIN, SAM.

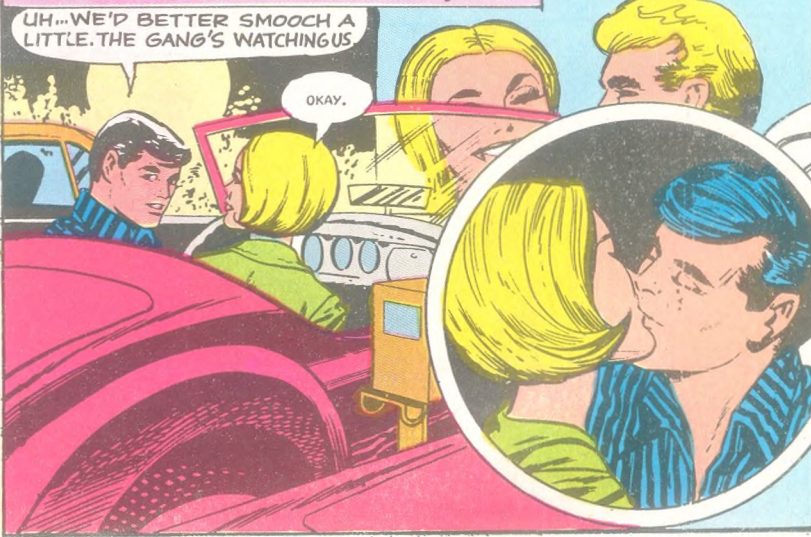
I'LL FIX HIM, ELLEN.



AND ATTENDED THE USUAL DRIVE-INS, ETC.

UH...WE'D BETTER SMOOCH A LITTLE. THE GANG'S WATCHING US.

OKAY.



DOUBTS BEGIN IN COLLEGE...WHEN THEY'VE GOT THEIR DEGREES AND SAM HAS BEGUN HIS CAREER, THEY BOTH KNOW THE WAITING IS NEARLY OVER...

MOM WANTS TO KNOW WHEN, WE'LL BE FORMALLY ENGAGED.

I ADORE SAM...BUT I THINK OF HIM AS A BROTHER.

AND AS THAT TEAR FALLS, SAM IS AWAKE, THINKING HIS OWN DARK THOUGHTS.

POOR KID...HOW WILL SHE TAKE IT WHEN I TELL HER?

I FEEL LIKE A REAL HEEL...AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, I'VE GOT TO TELL HER I CAN'T MARRY HER!

THE FOLLOWING EVENING...THEY'VE GOT A DATE, A DANCE AT THE COUNTRY CLUB...

YOU'LL WOW THEM IN THAT DRESS

WILL I, SAM?

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO I WOW, DOES IT? NO MEN WILL ASK ME TO DANCE. I'VE ALWAYS BEEN YOUR GIRL.

HEY, I DIDN'T KNOW I CRAMPED YOUR STYLE.

A GIRL NAMED MARTHA HAYES, IS AT THE DANCE...ABSOLUTELY BREATHTAKING IN HER BEAUTY. OR SO SAM THOUGHT, WHEN HE LOOKED AWAY FROM ELLEN AND SAW HER...

WILL LEW MIND IF WE DANCE, MARTHA?

IF HE DOES, I WON'T CARE, SAM. I'D LOVE TO DANCE WITH YOU.

I'VE WANTED FOR THIS DANCE FOR A LONG TIME, SAM. YOU DIDN'T KNOW I WAS ALIVE.

I...I'VE ALWAYS BEEN WITH ELLEN.

JEALOUS ELLEN?

NOT REALLY, LEW...THEY LOOK NICE TOGETHER, DON'T THEY.

SO LONG ENDURING A LOVE CAN'T END LIKE THIS, CAN IT? IN A MOMENT...IN OTHER ARMS.

I THINK YOU AND I LOOK PRETTY DANDY TOGETHER TOO, ELLEN.

YOU DO?

THIS WILL BE OVER SOON, SAM. LET'S ALL GO TO THE PINK GROTTO FOR A WHILE.

I THINK WE'D BETTER, LEW. WE'VE ALL GOT SOME UNFINISHED BUSINESS TO SETTLE.

SAM WAS ALWAYS BRUTALLY DIRECT, MARTHA. YOU'LL GET USED TO IT, I IMAGINE

SAM AND ELLEN KNOW THE TIME HAS COME... SHE'S FOUND LEW AND SAM WOULD RATHER BE WITH MARTHA.



I DON'T FEEL LIKE A BROTHER, TOWARDS MARTHA !

AND ELLEN ? OH, BROTHER !



SAM GETS OUT THE POWER MOWER...IN THE PAST, HE'S ALWAYS MOWED BOTH LAWNS WHILE HE'S AT IT...



HEY, ELLIE...FINISH WEEDING, SO I CAN MOW YOUR LAWN FIRST, OKAY ?



DID YOU... ARE YOU ANGRY, SAM... ABOUT LAST NIGHT, I MEAN ?

HECK, NO ! IN FACT... I'VE GOT A DATE WITH MARTHA, THIS AFTER-NOON. I GUESS I SHOULD'VE ASKED YOU FIRST, BUT...

NO... YOU KNEW HOW I FELT ABOUT LEW, I GUESS. IT'S OVER, ISN'T IT, SAM ?



NOT REALLY, ELLEN. IT NEVER REALLY EXISTED, I THINK...

OTHERS CREATED A FANTASY... A ROMANCE. AND THEY WOVE US INTO IT. WE NEVER REALLY FELT THE FEELINGS THEY TOLD US WE FELT. I'M GLAD IT IS OVER...

TOGETHER, SAM AND ELLEN COULD NEVER REALLY LEARN ABOUT LIFE... BUT APART, ELLEN FINDS A NEW WORLD OF EMOTION AND FEELING, OPENING OUT.

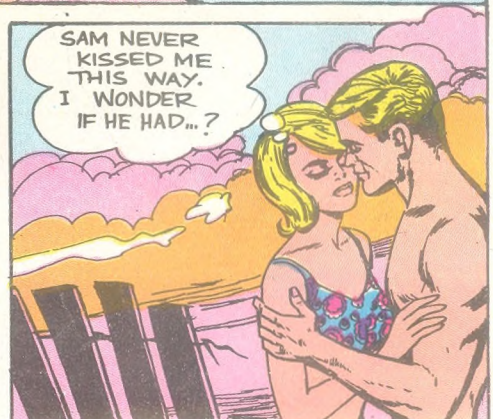


I LOVE YOU, ELLEN...

DO YOU, LEW ?



SAM NEVER KISSED ME THIS WAY. I WONDER IF HE HAD... ?



THEIRS IS A BRIEF ROMANCE... A MONTH... THEN TWO... AND ELLEN WISELY DECIDES, WHEN SHE'S HAD ENOUGH.

WE HAD FUN, LEW... BUT THAT'S ALL. LET'S GO HOME...

IT'S LEW AND ELLEN... THAT GUY IS STARTING TO GET ON MY NERVES. MARTHA WAS YACKETING ABOUT HIM, ALL EVENING... SHE MADE ME SICK!

ELLIE! IT'S ME!

OH, SAM!

COME AROUND HERE, ELLEN... I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO TALK TO YOU, IN WEEKS.

TALK, SAM? ABOUT WHAT?

ABOUT US, ELLEN.

GEE, YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL!

CAN I... CAN I KISS YOU, ELLEN?

YOU NEVER TOLD ME THAT BEFORE, SAM...

YOU NEVER ASKED THAT BEFORE EITHER, DARLING.

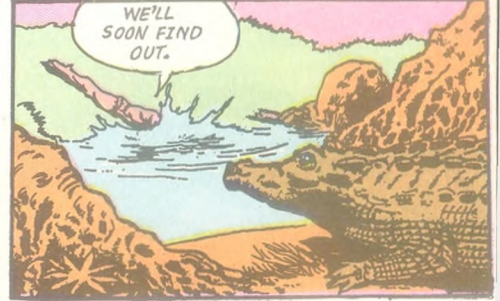
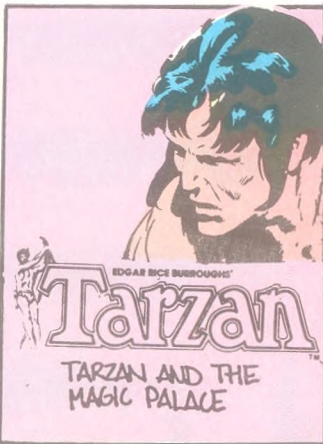
THIS... THIS IS THEIR FIRST KISS... ALL THAT EVER HAPPENED TO THEM BEFORE, IS FORGOTTEN... THEY'VE JUST MET, THEIR LOVE IS NEW...

DOTTIE, C'MERE... SAM AND ELLIE... IT HAPPENED AT LAST!

JOHN... ELLEN AND SAM ARE TOGETHER AGAIN... THIS TIME IT'S FOR KEEPS!

THEY HAD TO LEARN ABOUT THEMSELVES, FROM OTHERS... BUT NOW THEY'VE GROWN UP, EMOTIONALLY AS WELL AS PHYSICALLY... AND NOW THEY CAN FALL IN LOVE!

THE END

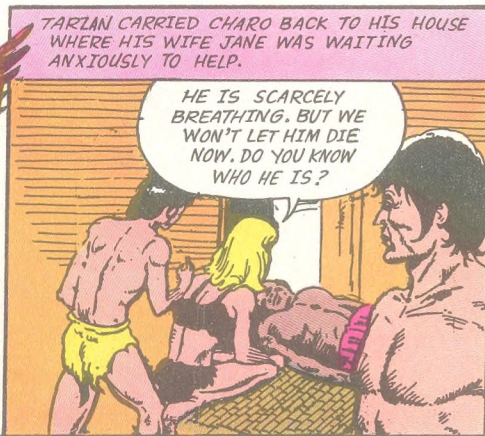


NEETA THE EAGLE SWOOPED BOLDLY TO THE ATTACK, GOING FOR GIMLA'S EYES.

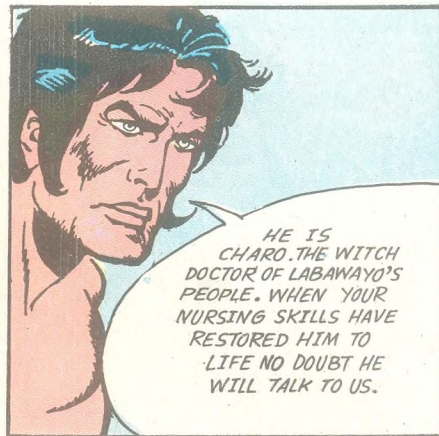


BRavo
NEETA.

TARZAN CARRIED CHARO BACK TO HIS HOUSE WHERE HIS WIFE JANE WAS WAITING ANXIOUSLY TO HELP.

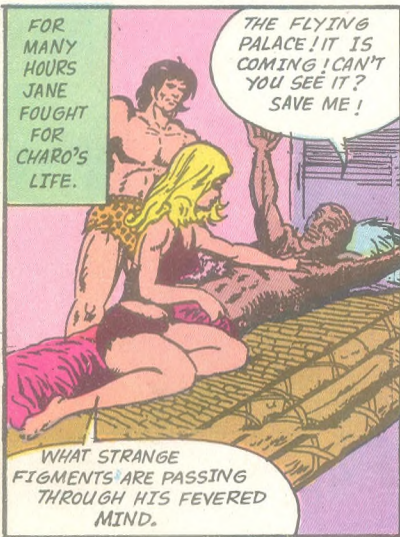


HE IS SCARCELY BREATHING. BUT WE WON'T LET HIM DIE NOW. DO YOU KNOW WHO HE IS?



HE IS CHARO. THE WITCH DOCTOR OF LABAWAYO'S PEOPLE. WHEN YOUR NURSING SKILLS HAVE RESTORED HIM TO LIFE NO DOUBT HE WILL TALK TO US.

FOR MANY HOURS JANE FOUGHT FOR CHARO'S LIFE.



THE FLYING PALACE! IT IS COMING! I CAN'T YOU SEE IT? SAVE ME!

WHAT STRANGE FIGMENTS ARE PASSING THROUGH HIS FEVERED MIND.

AT LAST—



THE FEVER HAS BROKEN. HE WILL SLEEP NOW.

YOU GET SOME REST. I WILL SIT WITH HIM UNTIL HE WAKES.

WHEN CHARO AWOKE, HE HAD AN UNBELIEVABLE STORY TO TELL.



IT WAS AN EVIL, PALACE IT CAME FROM NOWHERE AND VANISHED INTO NOWHERE, DESTROYING OUR VILLAGE.

IMPOSSIBLE YOU MUST HAVE DREAMED ALL THIS IN A FEVERISH NIGHTMARKE.



NOT SO. MY MEMORY IS CLEAR. I WAS CAST FROM THE CLIFF IN PUNISHMENT FOR A CRIME OF WHICH I WAS NOT GUILTY.

VERY WELL. I WILL GO BACK WITH YOU AND WE WILL SEEK THE TRUTH OF IT.

NO, NO. DO NOT TAKE ME BACK. THEY WILL KILL ME.

I'LL COME WITH YOU. MOTHER CAN TAKE CARE OF CHARO.



I THINK THAT'S A VERY GOOD IDEA.

VERY WELL. IF WE LEAVE NOW WE SHOULD BE BACK BY NIGHTFALL.



WE ARE ALMOST AT LOBAWAYO'S VILLAGE. WE'LL SOON KNOW WHAT REALLY HAPPENED.



LOBAWAYO! TARZAN COMES TO VISIT YOU.

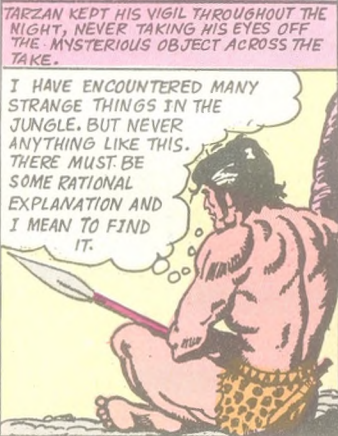
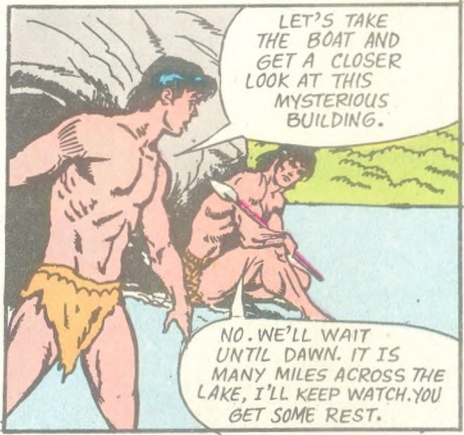
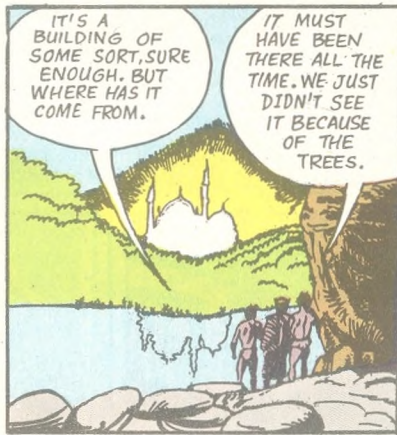
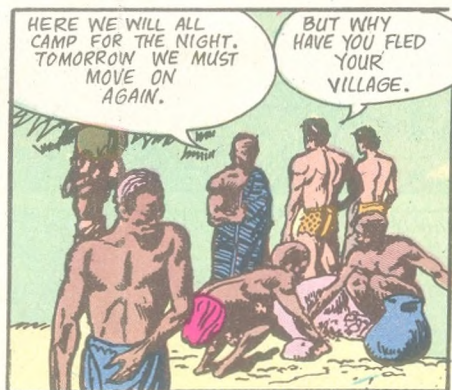
I'M SURPRISED NO ONE HAS COME TO MEET US.

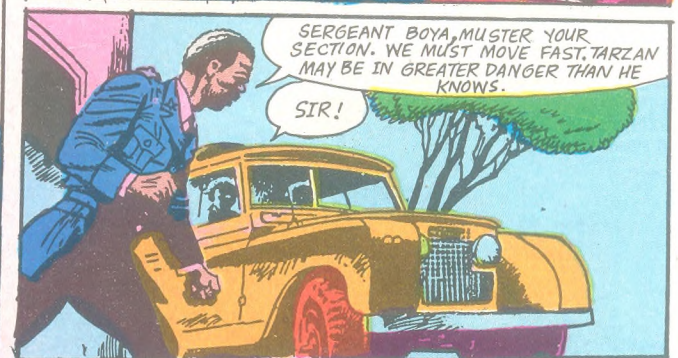
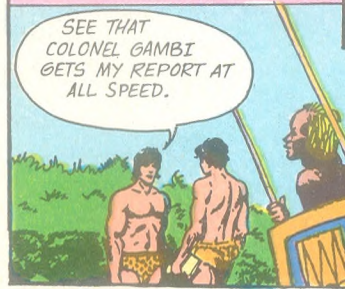
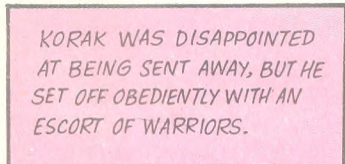
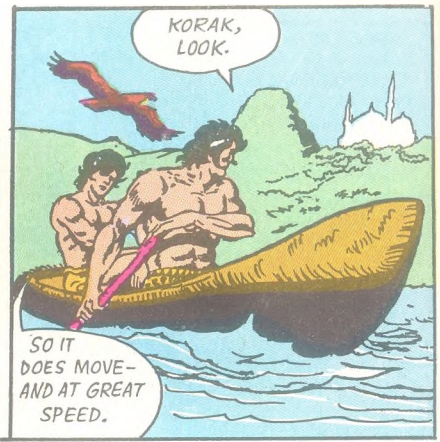
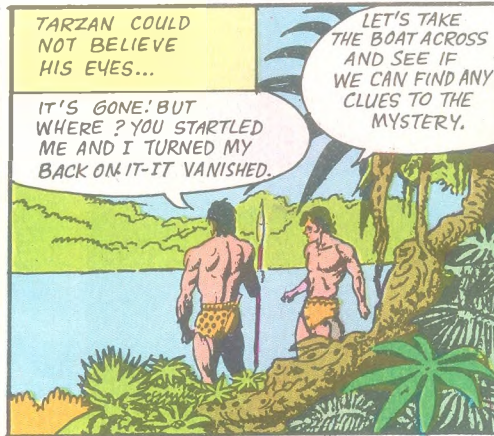


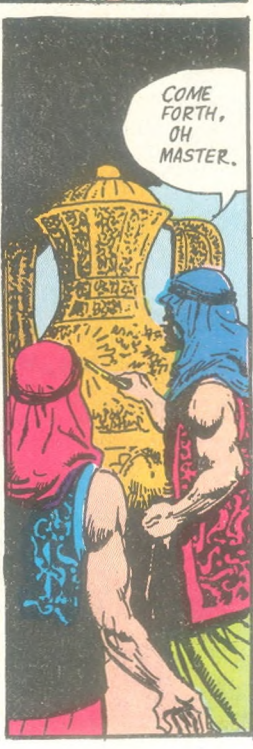
THERE'S NO ONE HERE AND THE VILLAGE IS IN RUINS.

THAT MUCH OF CHARO'S STORY WAS TRUE, ANYWAY. I WONDER WHAT CAN HAVE HAPPENED?









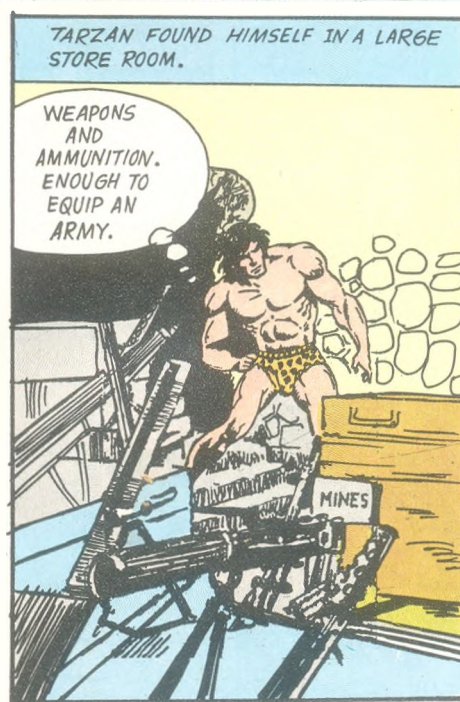
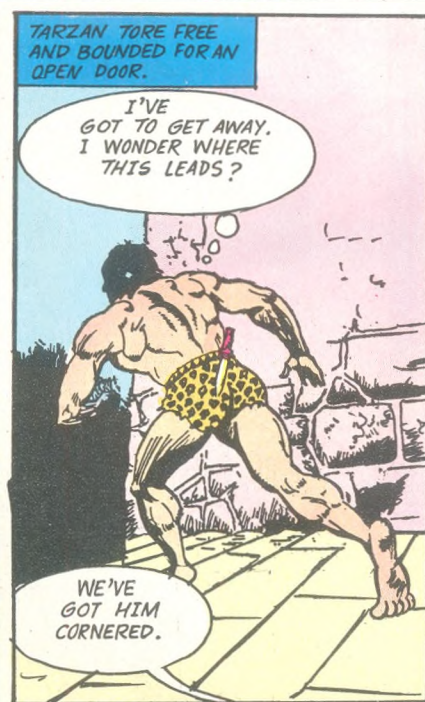
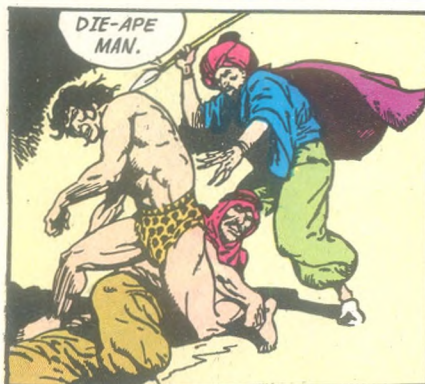
TARZAN WAS COMPLETELY UNPREPARED FOR WHAT HAPPENED NEXT.

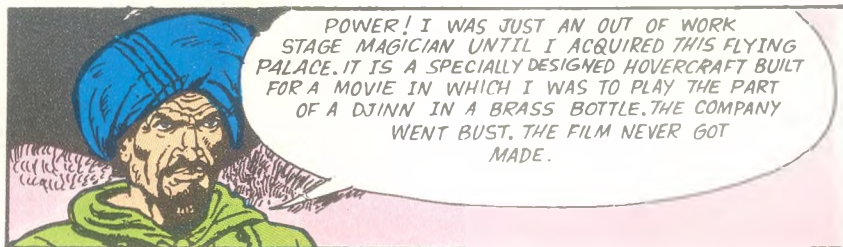


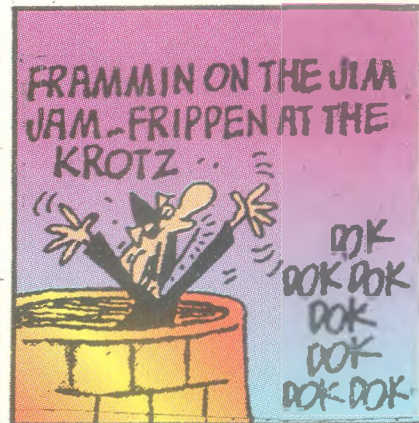
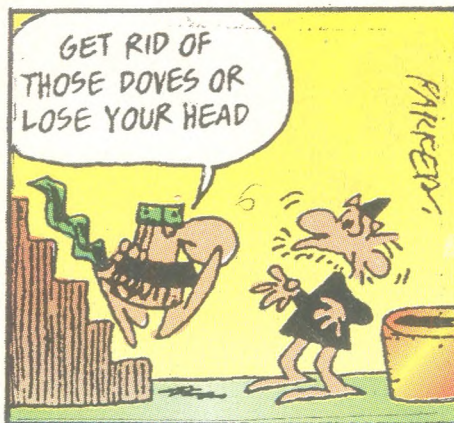
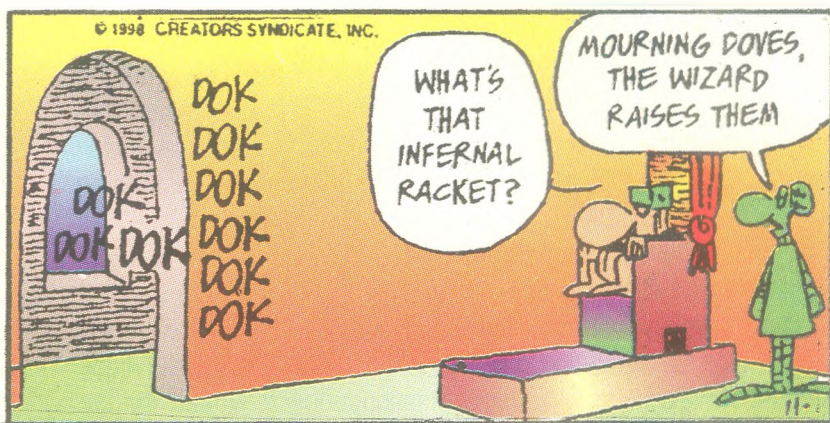
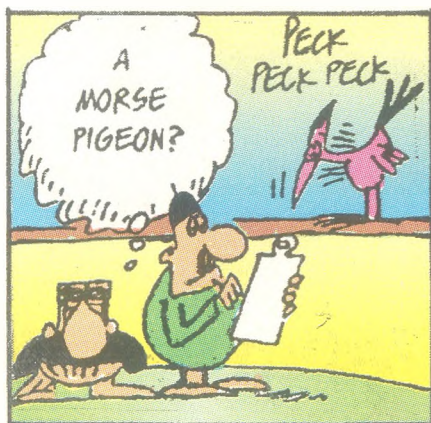
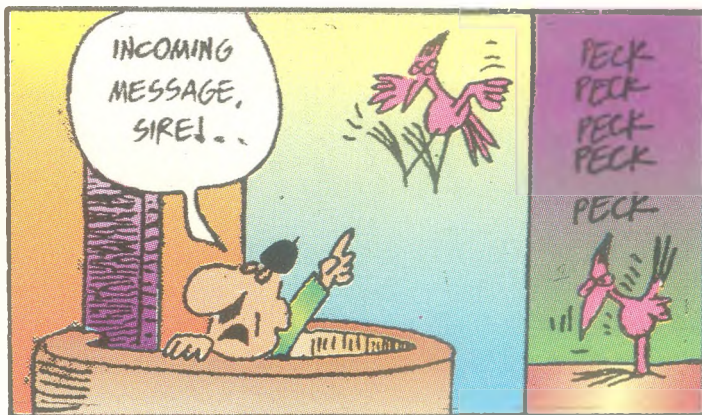
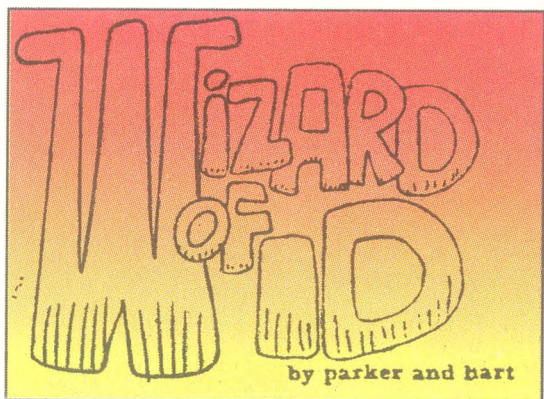
THE COMMOTION ANGERED THE EAGLE.



TARZAN WAS FORCED TO REVEAL HIS PRESENCE.







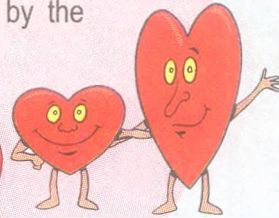
Be My Valentine



St Valentine's Day, holiday dedicated to lovers. It is celebrated on February 14 by the custom of sending greeting cards or gifts to express affection to a chosen partner. The cards, known as valentines, are generally sent anonymously and are often designed with hearts to symbolize love. The holiday probably derives from the ancient Roman feast of Lupercalis (February 15). Originally a festival for shepherds, it was celebrated in honour of Faunus. Its primary purpose was to secure fertility for the fields, the flocks, and the shepherds themselves. The festival gradually became associated with the feast day (February 14) of two Roman martyrs, both named St Valentine, who lived in the 3rd century, but about whom nothing specific is known. St Valentine has traditionally been regarded as the patron saint of lovers. An early reference is found in the works of Chaucer, who states that birds pair on St Valentine's Day. The practice of calling oneself a "valentine" and asking one's beloved to be the same, is referred to in the Paston Letters, the largest surviving collection of 15th-century English correspondence written by the Paston family and their neighbours in Norfolk.



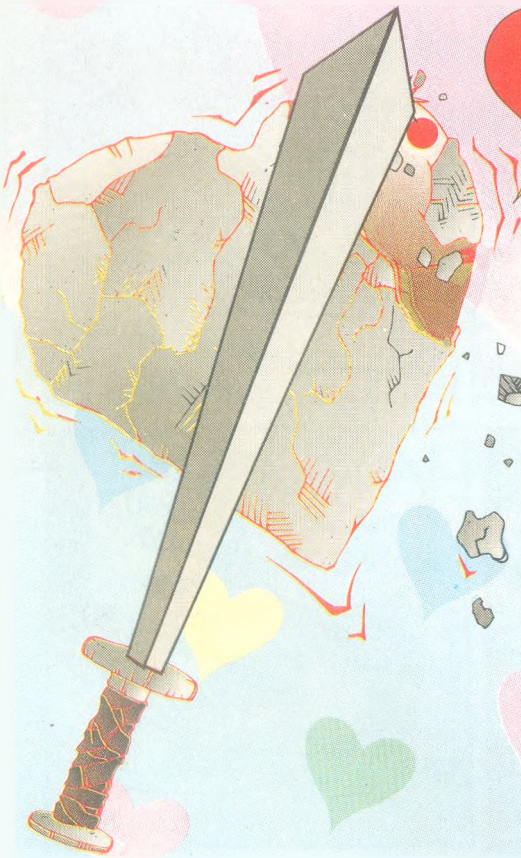
Valentine's Day



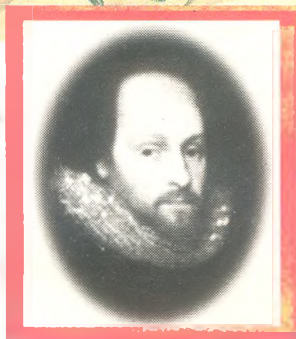
St. Valentine

In Rome in A.D. 270, a man named Valentine enraged the mad emperor Claudius II, who had issued an edict forbidding marriage. Claudius felt that married men made poor soldiers, because they were loath to leave their families for battle. The empire needed soldiers, so Claudius, never one to fear unpopularity, abolished marriage. Valentine, bishop of Interamna, invited young lovers to come to him in secret, where he joined them in the sacrament of matrimony. Claudius learned of this "friend of lovers," and had the bishop brought to the palace. The emperor, impressed with the young priest's dignity and conviction, attempted to convert him to the Roman gods, to save him from otherwise certain execution. Valentine refused to renounce Christianity and imprudently attempted to convert the emperor. On February 24, 270, Valentine was clubbed, stoned, then beheaded. How romantic.

History also claims that while Valentine was in prison awaiting execution, he fell in love with the blind daughter of the jailer, Asterius. Through his unswerving faith, he miraculously restored her sight. He signed a farewell message to her "From Your Valentine," a phrase that would live on long after its author died.

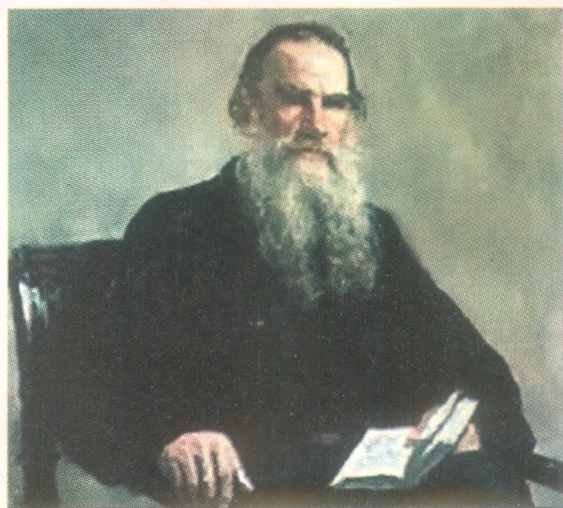


Be, My Valentine



Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate.
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date;
Sometimes too hot the eye of heaven shines,
And often is his gold complexion dimmed;
And every fair from fair sometime declines,
By chance, or nature's changing course,
untrimmed;
But thy eternal summer shall not fade
Nor lose possession of that fair thou owest;
Nor shall Death brag thou wanderest in his shade
When in eternal lines to time thou growest.
So long as men can breathe or eyes can see
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.

-- from Shakespeare's Sonnets



I already love in you your beauty, but I am only beginning to love in you that which is eternal and ever precious -- your heart, your soul.
Beauty one could get to know and fall in love with in one hour and cease to love it as speedily; but the soul one must learn to know.

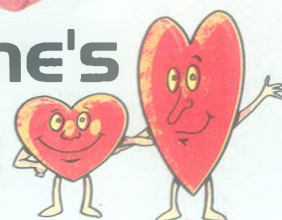
Believe me, nothing on earth is given without labour, even love, the most beautiful and natural of feelings.

-- Count Leo Tolstoy to his fiancée (1856)

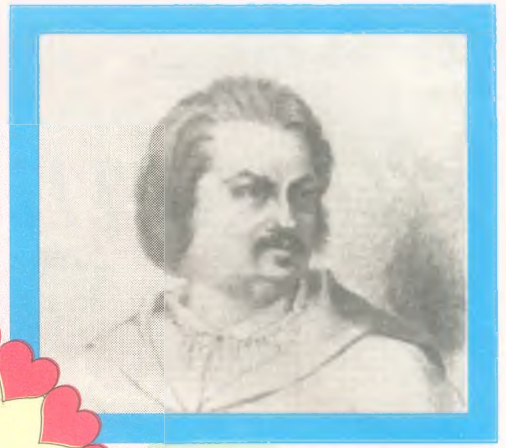
Love letters of FAMOUS PEOPLE



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Be My Valentine



I recognise you in all the beauty
that surrounds me - in form,
in colour, in perfume,
in harmonious sound:
all of these mean you to me.
You are superior to all.
I see and admire - you are all!
You are not only the solar spectrum
with seven luminous colours,
but the sun himself,
that illuminates, warms,
and revivifies!

**From Juliette Drouet, French actress, to
Victor Hugo, French writer (1835)**

I am nearly mad about you,
as much as one can be mad: I
cannot bring together
two ideas that you do not
interpose yourself between
them.

I can no longer think of anything
but you.

In spite of myself, my
imagination
carries me to you. I grasp you...

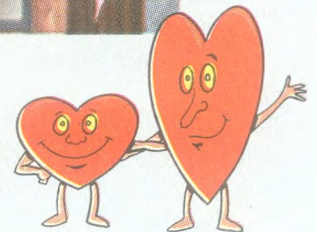
I kiss you, I caress you, a
thousand
of the most amorous caresses
take possession
of me. As for my heart, there
you
will always be, very much so. I
have a delicious sense of you
there.

**From Honore' de Balzac,
French writer, to Polish
countess Evelina Hanska
(1835)**

Love letters of
**FAMOUS
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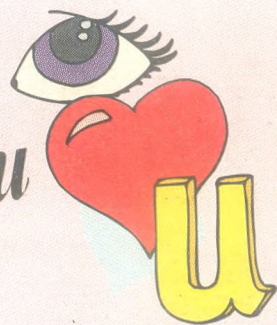


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Scores of Ways To Say I Love You



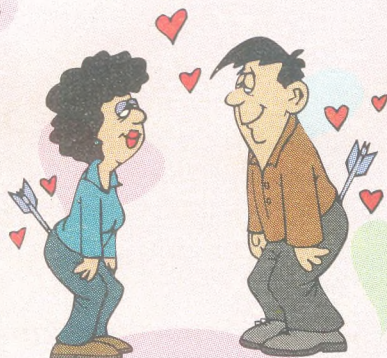
*Honour your partner's individuality

*Sign your letters: "Forever and a day"

*Promise to be her Prince Charming

*Promise to be his one-and-only

*Place a heart-shaped sticker on your wristwatch to remind you to call



*Ask your friends to list their favourite romantic restaurants

*Some help for your love letters: "I'm feeling-loving, affectionate, amorous, ardent, fond, lovesick."

*Tell him what you really appreciate about him

*For sports fans: Birthday cakes in the shape of footballs, basketballs, Cricket Bat etc.

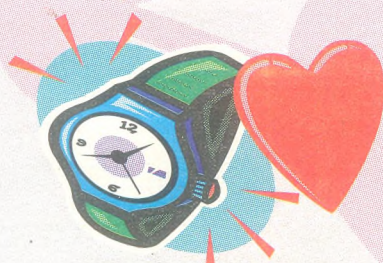
*Say "I love you" in Morse Code:

*Carry a lock of her hair in your wallet

*If you're talkative by nature, talk 20% less, and listen 20% more

*A note: "Time and time again you amaze me because . . ." Use time management techniques so you'll have more time together

*Work some "overtime" on your relationship



*Get a bumper sticker that reflects his view of life

*Romantic resource: 1-800-FLOWERS

*Change one bad habit

*Give her a gold bracelet made of X's and O's

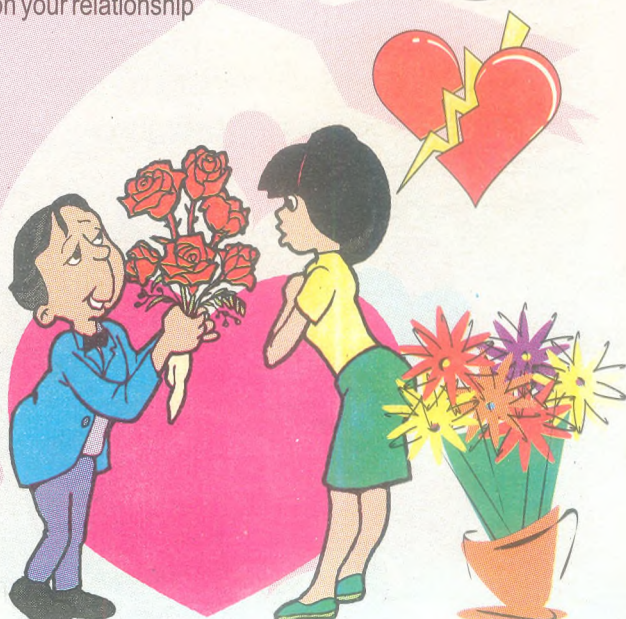
*Blindfold him and take him to a new restaurant



*Create a "perfect vacation" (your partner's definition of perfect)

*Guys: Don't buy cheap flowers (they wilt quickly)

*Tell your lover that you're-enchanted by/captivated by/enamoured of/fond of-him/her



Be My Valentine

Ways to Overdo It for Your Lover



* Write a love poem-and compose one new stanza every week

* Get every recording ever made by his favourite musical group

* Make a little loving gesture every day for a solid year

* Get every book ever written by her favourite author

* Get every movie starring his favourite actor

* Take her to see the movie Titanic-fifteen times

* Give her twelve dozen roses on Valentine's Day

* Write a list: "101 Reasons Why You're the Greatest"

* Write each reason on a separate square of paper

* Wrap them in a fancy gift box

* "His" and "Hers" Ideas



* "His" and "Hers" matching T-shirts* "His" and "Hers" matching coffee mugs

* "His" and "Hers" bicycles

* Get "His" and "Hers" mobile phones

* "His" and "Hers" tennis rackets

* "His" and "Hers" matching heart-shaped tattoos!

Romantic Things to Do in Small Spaces

* Go through revolving doors together

* Squeeze into phone booths together

* Camp-out in a tent together

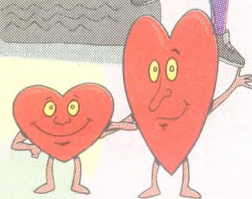
* Sit side-by-side in booths at little diners

Ways to Affair-Proof Your Relationship

* Be best friends as well as lovers

* Don't nag

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* Laugh together often

* Don't let problems go unresolved

* Keep your partner among your top three priorities

* Let the infatuation fade, but keep the passion alive

* Never relinquish your role as your mate's "lover"

* Make some sacrifices but don't martyr yourself for his/her sake

* Weave love and romance into the fabric of your daily lives

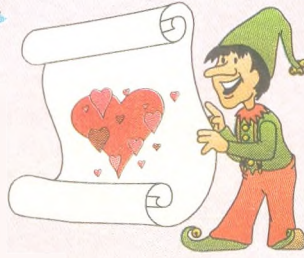
Reasons to Be Romantic

* You'll be happier*. Your partner will be happier

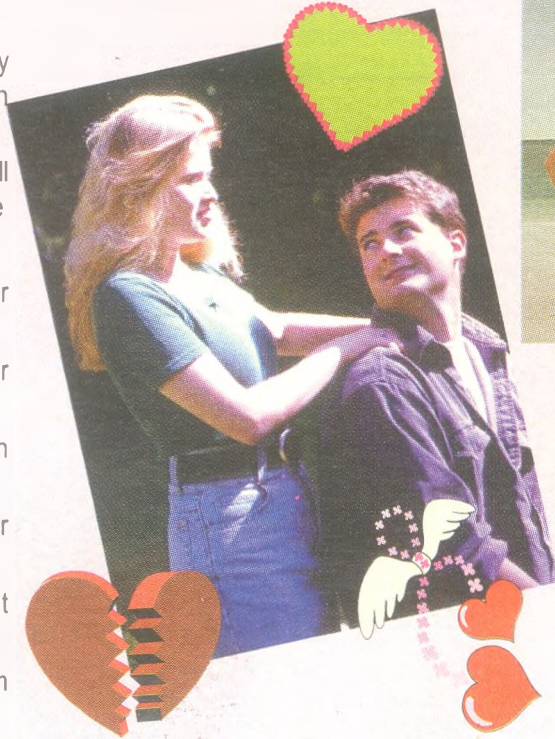
* You'll keep your love alive

* You'll experience the spark of infatuation again

Be, My Valentine



- * You'll add depth and meaning to your relationship
 - * You will create a safe haven where you can really be yourself
 - * You will be truly heard and deeply understood by one other human being
 - * Exercising your creativity will benefit you in other areas of your life
 - * You'll probably live longer
 - * You'll be great role models for friends and neighbours
 - * You'll make the world a better place
 - * You'll come to appreciate your own uniqueness
 - * You'll come to appreciate your partner's uniqueness
 - * You'll get more of what you want out of life
 - * You'll strengthen your self-esteem and self-confidence
 - * You'll be better able to live your faith (love is central to every religion)
 - * You will have the quiet confidence that you've achieved something that few people accomplish
 - * You'll have more energy and focus for your career nature
 - * You'll live up to your true potential in life
 - * You'll never again be panic stricken on Valentine's Day
 - * You'll stay young-at-heart
 - * Your partner wants you to be romantic-What more reason do you need?
 - * Why not?
- Kinds of Gifts to Give Your Guy or Gal
- * The Surprise Gift
 - * The "Just what I always wanted" Gift
 - * The Classically Romantic Gift
 - * The Perfume Gift

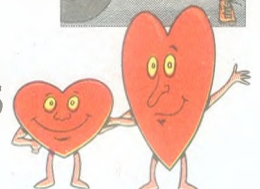


- * The "Oh, you shouldn't have! - But I love it!" Gift
- * The "How did you find it?!" Gift
- * The Home-made Gift
- * The Unbelievably Expensive Gift
- * The One Gigantic Item Gift
- * Theme-Gifts
- * Personalised Gifts

- * The Gift of Travel
- * The Gift of Food
- * The Gift in his/her Favourite Colour
- * The Meaningful Gift
- * The Funny Gift
- * The Practical Gift
- * The Frivolous Gift
- * The Gift-Within-a-Gift-Within-a-Gift Gift
- * The Beautifully-Wrapped Gift
- * Birthday Gifts
- * Anniversary Gifts
- * The Gift of Time
- * The Gift of Yourself



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quick recap quiz-16

This Quick Recap Quiz-16 is based on Comic World's previous issues. Answer the following questions with the help of these issues. Write the answers in the vacant place given with each question. Write in a neat and clean handwriting. This is a golden chance to win

Rs,10,000/-

QUICK RECAP QUIZ-16

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★ Who is the record-holder for men's indoor one mile race?

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★ Which is the world's largest canal?

★

★ Which company recently introduced Chinese mixes?

★

★ In which game Paltu was talking part?

★

★ Whose life did Birbal Save?

★

★ Who killed the evil crane?

★

★ What was the real name of Tenali Rama?

★

★ What was troubling Bholu?

★

★ In which year Donald Duck arrived in Disney?

★

★ How many people died in the Indian earthquake of 1905?

★

★ Who created the Morse code?

★

★ Who invented the steam engine?

★

★ Who established the Slave Dynasty?

★

★ Where was the world's first test tube baby born?

★

★ In reality, what actually was poison gas?

★

★ Who was Zandini?

★

★ What Pet Dennis bought from the pet shop?

★

★ Who was the greatest inventor?

★

★ Who was the greatest world leader?

★



Name :

Age: Sex:

Address:

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Career Line

I would like to pursue a career in advertising after my graduation. Please advise.

S.S. Roy, Calcutta

Liberalisation of the economy, new products and services and proliferation of media have boosted the advertising industry in a big way. It has been witnessing an annual growth rate of over 30 per cent.

Advertising is the business of reaching out to people to either influence their acceptance or purchase of an idea, product or service. The main areas of specialisation in an Ad agency are: Copyrighting, Art Direction & Visualising, Client Servicing, Media Planning & Buying and Production. Depending on your skills and qualifications, you can opt for the area of your choice.

Client Servicing Department: Preference is given to executives with a formal management or advertising qualification at the entry level.

Creative Department actually creates the advertisements that you see in the media. It is manned by two kinds of people - visualisers and copywriters. To join the Art Department, a trainee visualiser must have a formal qualification in art (BFA), preferably commercial art. Increasingly, knowledge of compute graphics is becoming a must. While no specific qualification is required to become a copywriter, it helps to be well read and to have a good command over the language, besides the ability to think creatively. You have to give a copy test which will evaluate your skills on this score.

Media Department: You need a Master's in Statistics or Maths with knowledge of computers. Besides numeracy, you must be good at desk research.

Advertising is an extremely result-oriented industry and careers can be built very quickly through hard work,

creativity and achievement. After your graduation, you can do a post-graduate course in Mass Communications offered by several universities or a specific course in advertising from any of the following :

Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), Aruna Asaf Ali Marg, JNU, New Campus, New Delhi-110067

Mudra Institute of Communications (MICA), Shela, Ahmadabad-380058.

Xavier Institute of Communications, St. Xavier College, Mumbai-400001.

Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, V.L. Mehta Road, Ville Parle (West), Mumbai.

Mass Communication Research Centre (MCRC), Jamia Millia Islamia, Mohammad Ali Jauhar Marg, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi-110025.

EMPI Institute of Advertising, Communication & Management, CSKM Education Complex, Satbari, Mehrauli, New Delhi-110030

YMCA & Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Centres in various cities.

Some leading advertising agencies like Lintas and Clarion also conduct short-term courses in advertising while some others take in fresh graduates as well as MBAs as trainees in the copy and servicing departments. Of late, several private institutes have started offering courses in advertising. Do check out their credentials thoroughly before you enrol. Not many are genuine or professional.



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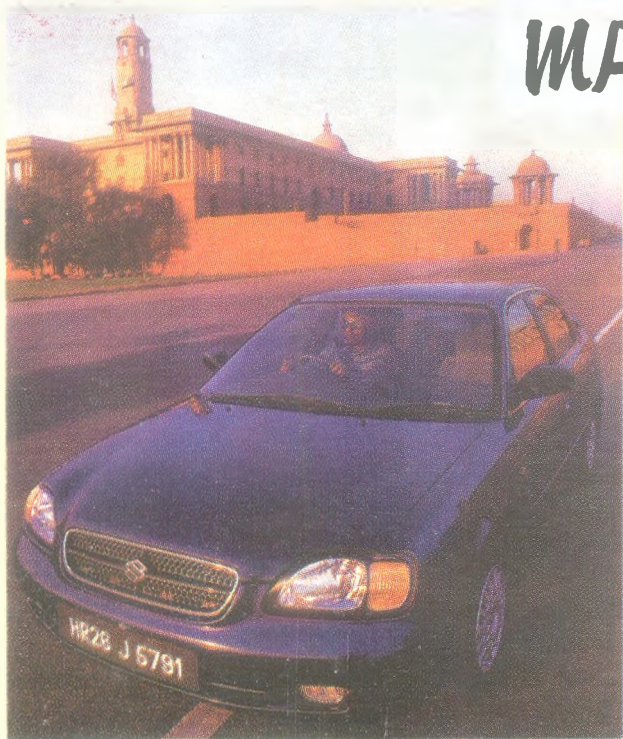


*Friends,
This column is specially designed to help you in solving your problems about your career. Without any hesitation write to us about your problems. Please send a self addressed duly stamped envelope too.*

-Editor



MARUTI'S BALENO



The entry of Maruti's Baleno into the Indian market will see it vying with the Mitsubishi Lancer, Honda City and Opel Astra. The Ford Escort has just bowed out of production, as if to provide safe passage to the Maruti-Suzuki Baleno. But it will still be a bitter fight for that tiny slice of the

mid-size pie.

The Lancer has the looks and style that reek of class. Currently on a high after winning the prestigious JD Power awards for quality and appeal, it also feels the biggest and most substantial of the lot. The City, recently launched in its second avatar, with changes to the styling, is still the ultimate driving machine in our market.

The Astra's strong points of a solid build, excellent interiors and vice-free road behaviour remain unchallenged.

Up against this competition, the Baleno will have to deliver in other ways. The good news for Maruti is that it manages to do just that. The very nature of the Baleno, which combines an extremely strong engine, terrific fuel economy and comfort, will transport you to your destination with minimum fuss and maximum efficiency. To add to the peace of mind experience is the knowledge that service and spares are always available around the corner. Save for the striking nose, the overall styling left us cold and failed to excite.

Also, the interiors could have done with being more upmarket. At the time of going to press, the only crucial thing we didn't know was the price. But, coming from the house of Maruti, we wouldn't expect anything that is less than competitive. The Baleno is expected to cost around Rs 720,000 and at this price, Maruti could have another winner on its hands.

YGM-1

Engine 4 cyls in line, dohc, 1328cc

Max power 95bhp at 7000rpm

Max torque 11.5kgm at 4000rpm

Gearbox 4-speed automatic

Length 3615mm

Width 1600mm

Height 1545mm

Wheelbase 2360mm

Weight 820kg

Y not GM ?



General Motors' (GM) Asian strategy has gathered momentum as it has announced plans to promote its Chevrolet brand across the region. GM plans to manufacture the small sporty YGM-1 at strategic partner Suzuki's Kosai plant, beginning in 2001, to sell as a Chevrolet model in mainland Asia, as well as Japan. There is a good chance that the car will go into production at Maruti Udyog within a couple of years.

The YGM-1 concept vehicle, unveiled at the Tokyo Motor Show is a five-seater passenger car sitting on a new platform developed by Suzuki and powered by 1.3 or 1.5 litre engines, also of Suzuki origin. Once the production model has been launched for region-wide sale in 2001, the platform will spawn a raft of sub-compact vehicles for GM and Suzuki to sell under their own brands in the US and Europe.

O P E L C O R S A

Price Rs 500,000-700,000

Length 4056mm

Width 1608mm

Height 1420mm

Wheelbase 2443mm

Weight 1060kg 1.4GL, GLS

1010kg 1.6GLS

Fuel tank capacity 46 litres

ENGINE

Type 4 cyls in line, 1398cc/1598cc

Max power 88bhp at 6000rpm/92bhp at 5600rpm

Max torque 11.2kgm at 3200rpm/12.8kgm at 3200rpm

Bore/stroke 77.6/73.4mm / 79/81.5mm

Fuel delivery and ignition Electronic multipoint fuel injection

GEARBOX

Type Five-speed

SUSPENSION

Front Independent MacPherson strut with anti-dive geometry

Rear Crank compound suspension with torsional stabiliser bars. Gas-charged shock absorbers

STEERING

Type Power assisted rack and pinion

BRAKES

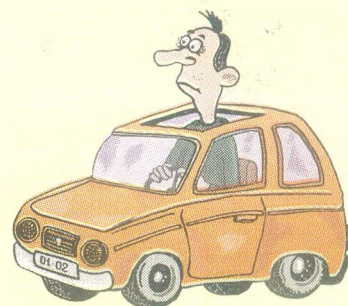
Front Ventilated disc

Rear Drum

WHEELS AND TYRES

Made of Pressed steel disc

Tyres 175/70 R13



TOYOTA'S HYBRID CONCEPT- HV M4

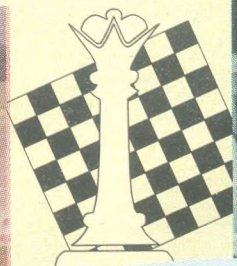
Toyota launched the HV M4 concept vehicle at the Tokyo Motor Show which saw a sea of hybrid cars and vehicles with alternative power sources. Toyota bills the HV M4 as the first hybrid four wheel drive in the world.

No doubt, this six-seater van owes a lot to the progress Toyota has made on the Prius. The concept also points to the styling of the new-generation Previa.

The HV M4 is powered by a 2.4 litre, four-cylinder petrol engine that drives both the front wheels through a continuously variable transmission (CVT). Another electric motor is fitted to the rear differential and on slippery roads it can become a four-wheel drive. The advantage of placing a motor in the rear is that it removes the need for a driveshaft, allowing the designer more freedom in the layout of interior space.



SPORTS



Sportsmanship



A NEW

WORLD RECORD

Rajeev Nayyar, the skipper of Himachal Pradesh cricket team, set a new world record for the longest stay at the wicket, surpassing the record set by Pakistan's Hanif Mohammed. Rajeev stayed at the crease for 1,017 minutes, scoring 271 in a North Zone Ranji Trophy league tie against Jammu and Kashmir. Hanif's record was 970 minutes against West Indies at Bridgetown in January 1958, while scoring 337 runs to help Pakistan draw that match.



RAHUL SANGMA SET AN EXAMPLE

RAHUL SANGMA was leading with 5/5 in the World Under 10 boys' championship at Oropesa when he was paired against the top-seed, Edouard Bonnet of France. When Bonnet did not come even after one hour of the start of that round Sangma was given a point by forfeit.

A little later Bonnet, his mother and his coach came rushing to the tournament venue. They had stayed back thinking it was a free day. The original invitation had given October 29 as the free day. Later, this had been changed to October 30 and they were not aware of it till it was too late. The head of the French delegation, Grandmaster Prie, approached the Indians and asked for the game to be played. Rahul was reluctant but eventually he agreed to play a little later. Rahul played and lost. The Americans, French and Spanish representatives praised India and Rahul for the sporting gesture.

At the closing ceremony Rahul, who finished sixth, was given the "Fairplay Award" for playing and losing a game that was already won by forfeit.



AARTHIE CONQUERS THE FIELD

ONCE again India returned with a gold medal. In a thrilling last round, Aarthie Ramaswamy seized the strong World Under-18 girls Chess Championship from the best players of Europe and China. This championship was part of the World Youth Chess Festival organised by the Spanish Chess Federation in the holiday resort of Oropesa del Mar.

When three of the 12 Indian children were among the leaders after five of the 11 rounds of the 1999 World Under-10, 12, 14, 16, 18 Chess Championships it was a signal that many Indian youngsters are seriously on the trail of V. Anand.





Young Achiever

TREND SETTING TEENAGER- TARUN SACHDEVA

A 13 year old becomes the world's youngest Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer

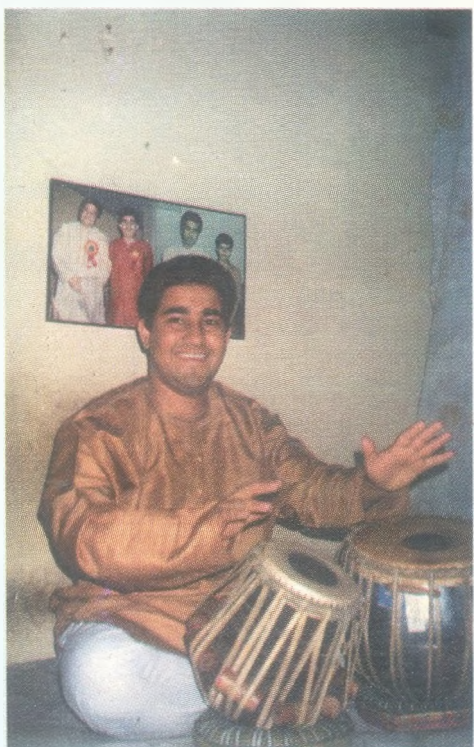
The myth lies shattered. Allahabad is no more a sleepy sedate town of Uta Pradesh (read as Uttar Pradesh). A local boy of 13 Tarun Sachdeva, has zoomed past the information superhighway, making a record of being the world's youngest Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer from the Institute of Educational and Psychological Measurement (IPE M), Allahabad. Making new records seems to be a habit with this guy. Earlier Tarun had made a record of being the world's youngest Microsoft Certified Professional in March this year. His teachers at IPEM are all praises for this young boy whose perseverance saw him through this tough examination procedure comprising six papers which was conducted on-line by Sylvan Technologies. What makes his feat remarkable is

that he has also cleared the Internet Information Server examination and is

now the only accomplished MCSE+I, which has made him an Internet Specialist. This sweet natured and well-mannered boy has brought immense joy to his parents Sanjay and Sonia Sachdeva. "I was simply dumb struck when I got the news," is how the proud father reacted when asked about his initial response on hearing about Tarun's success. His mother, is obviously equally ecstatic. Tarun is a student of class IX in St. Joseph's College, Allahabad. Besides computers he takes a keen interest in sports and is a good basketball and tennis player. He also loves to read science fiction. And to top it all he is a high academic performer and has not allowed computers to meddle with his regular studies.



A TABLA ARTISTE



Deepak Mehta is just 17, but is already a young Tabla maestro. A 12th class student of Kulachi Hansraj Model School, Ashok Vihar, Delhi, he has been playing classical music to accompany classical instrumentalists and vocalist. He has also played solo.

He earned the title of "Bal Shree" in 1996, a national award which was presented to him by the late Shankar Dayal Sharma, the then President of India. In 1999 he won the 17th Yuva Ratna Award. The award was given to him by Smt Sharan Rani, Sarod Maestro. Deepak also received the Rajiv Gandhi Rashtriya Ekta award last year. The award was presented to him by Arjun Singh, senior Congress leader.

Deepak started playing Bongo following by Kongo on the advice of his Ramjas School 1st standard class teacher, Renu Chawla, at the age of six. He earned laurels by getting opportunities to perform with

the well-known music personalities like Narinder Chanchal, music director Bhappi Lahiri and Prem Bhatia & Party, besides on programmes on the All-India Radio and Doordarshan. He also performed at his school's prestigious cultural annual functions.

In 1991, on the advice of Ustad Amjad Ali Khan, the world-renowned sarod maestro, he shifted to the more demanding discipline of classical tabla. His grandmother Smt. Rekha Mehta placed his hands on the tabla. His formal training on tabla started under the discipleship of the late Ustad Chhamma Khan of Delhi Gharana in 1992. The ustad followed the ancient Guru-Shisya (Guru-disciple) tradition while training his disciples. After his sad demise in 1998, his son Ustad Shafaat Ahmed Khan, an internationally-known tabla maestro himself, took over him. In his absence, his younger brother Gulzar Ahmad Khan, a noted tabla teacher of Delhi University, imparts training.

Deepak is indeed a talent to be watched.

HOLLY WOOD



End of Days



Jericho Cane, a beaten down ex-cop, is the reluctant hero of *End of Days*, a chilling, horrific thriller set at the cusp of the millennium. When the ultimate personification of evil is unleashed upon the world, Cane is unwittingly drawn into a heart-stopping supernatural game of cat and mouse. Now, as the countdown to the end of days approaches, all that stands in the way of mankind's destruction is the salvation of one woman, whose fate comes to rest in Cane's shaky hands.

COLUMBIA TRISTAR & BUENA VISTA INTERNATIONAL presents "End of Days"; a chilling, horrific thriller starring Arnold Schwarzenegger (*Terminator 2: Judgment Day*), Gabriel Byrne (*The Usual Suspects*), Kevin Pollak (*A Few Good Men*), Robin Tunney (*The Craft*) and Rod Steiger (*The Specialist*). Directed by Peter Hyams (2010) from a screenplay by Andrew W. Marlowe (*Air Force One*), the film is produced by Armyan Bernstein (*Air Force One*, *The Hurricane*) and Bill Borden (*Desperado*).



RANDOM HEARTS

"Random Hearts" is a compelling love story about two people who never would have met... in a perfect world. An act of fate throws the two very different people together; Dutch Van Den Broeck, a tough-minded internal affairs cop involved in a high-stakes corruption case, and Kay Chandler, a high-profile congresswoman embroiled in a bitter re-election campaign. They develop an extraordinary relationship, which forces them to confront the truth that threatens to destroy them and discover the strengths to triumph over the deception that surrounds them.

Academy Award winner Sydney Pollack directs "Random Hearts" from an adaptation by Darryl Ponicsan and a

screenplay by Kurt Luedtke, also an Oscar winner for his previous collaboration with Pollack, "Out of Africa." The film stars Harrison Ford, Kristin Scott Thomas,

Charles S. Dutton, Bonnie Hunt and an ensemble of gifted stage and screen actors.

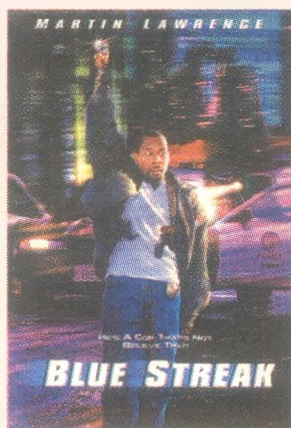


HOLLY WOOD



BLUE STREAK

Miles Logan is a talented jewel thief who is involved in a \$20 million jewelry heist that goes bad, and he is forced to hide the precious diamonds at a construction site. Three years later, Logan is out of jail and returns to pick up his loot. One problem: the site where he hid the diamonds is now an L.A. police precinct. To recover his stash, Logan impersonates a detective and with his rookie partner in tow, finds himself in the midst of drug busts, car chases and robberies. Using his criminal expertise to solve case after case, Logan inadvertently wins the admiration of his "fellow cops" as he tries desperately to recover his stolen diamonds.



Galaxy Quest



For four years, the courageous crew of the NSEA Protector donned their uniforms and set out on thrilling and often dangerous missions in space - then their series was cancelled. Twenty years later, the five stars of the classic '70s series "Galaxy Quest" are still in costume, making appearances at sci-fi conventions for legions of die-hard fans - but some of those fans are a little more far out than the actors could have ever imagined. A group of aliens who have mistaken intercepted television transmissions for "historical documents" arrive at a convention and whisk "Commander Peter Quincy Taggart" and his crew into space to help them in their all-too-real war against a deadly adversary. With no script, no director and no clue about real space travel, the actors have to turn in the performances of their lives to become the heroes the aliens believe them to be.



Stuart Little

Starring: Geena Davis, Hugh Laurie, Jonathan Lipnicki, Michael J. Fox and Gene Wilder; **Directed by** Rob Minkoff; **Produced by** Jason Clark; **Written by** Douglas Wick, E.B. White and M. Night Shyamalan.

He's clever, enthusiastic, a 'can do' guy with attitude-and he's a mouse. Combining live-action with groundbreaking visual effects



technology by the artists and innovators at Sony Pictures Imageworks, it's the story of a mouse who is raised by the Littles, a human family who learns to dream big and live large when they think little-

Stuart Little. As Stuart embarks on adventures with a variety of characters, including his nemesis, Snowbell the cat, Stuart learns the true meaning of family, loyalty and friendship.

COMPUTERS THROUGH THE YEARS



1971

Steve Wozniak and Bill Fernandez build a PC with parts rejected by local companies. They call it the Cream Soda Computer.



1972

At Xerox PARC, Alan Kay proposes they build a portable personal computer, called the Dynabook, the size of an ordinary notebook.



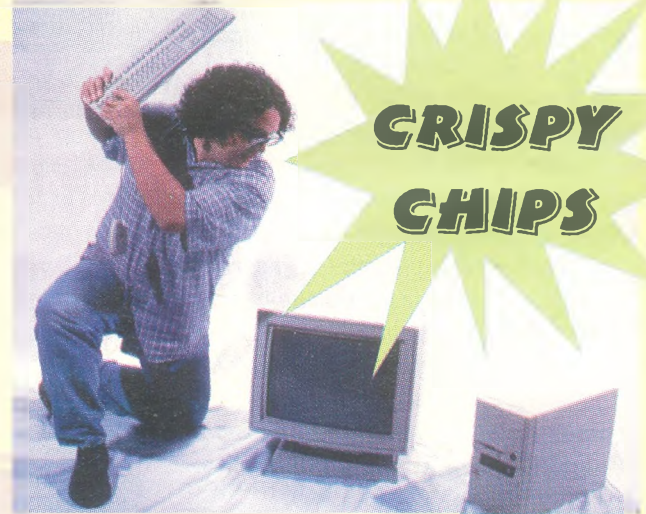
1976

Kentucky Fried Computers is founded. Steve Wozniak proposes that HP create a personal computer. Steve Jobs proposes the same to Atari. Both are rejected.



1979

Ross Perot asks Bill Gates about buying Microsoft.



1980

Atari ad: "Atari promises to be the most popular PC System of the 1980s!" Sol Libes quote in Byte magazine's ByteLines: 'The 32-bit machine would be an 'overkill' for a PC.'

1981

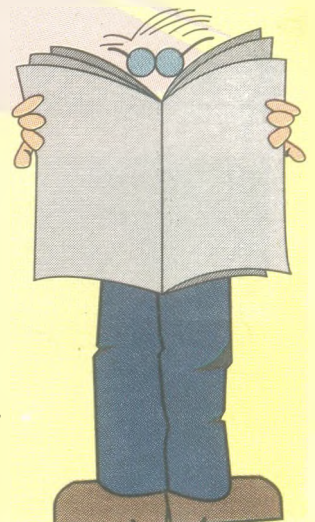
Responding to IBM's foray into the world of microcomputers, Apple Computer runs a full-page advertisement in the Wall Street Journal with a headline that reads 'Welcome IBM. Seriously.'

1982

Future Computing Inc. quote: "CP/M 2.2 is extremely important, and the Z80 chip will live forever because of it."

1983

Quote from Spinnaker Software chairman William Bowman: "We're just sitting here trying to put our PCjrs in a pile and burn them. And the damn things won't burn. That's the only thing IBM did right with it they made it flameproof."





1988

Quote by Bill Gates, of Microsoft, when asked if he would develop software for the NeXT computer: "Develop for it? I'll piss on it."

1989

Quote by a Lotus official, while demonstrating a new DOS version of Lotus 1-2-3: "We don't see Windows as a long-term graphical interface for the masses."

1991

Microsoft vice president Brad Silverberg said: "DOS will be with us forever. We've learned how passionate people are about DOS." IBM's Lee Reiswig's quote: "We will be enhancing OS/2 until the late 90s."



1943

"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers."

Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM

1957

I have travelled the length and breadth of this country and talked with the best people, and I can assure you that data processing is a fad that won't last out the year.

The editor in charge of business books for Prentice Hall.



1977

"There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home."

Ken Olson, president, chairman and founder of Digital Equipment Corp.

1949

Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tonnes.

Popular Mechanics, forecasting the relentless march of science.



1968

"But what... is it good for?"
Engineer at the Advanced Computing Systems Division of IBM, commenting on the microchip.



1980

"DOS addresses only 1 Megabyte of RAM because we can not imagine any applications needing more." **Microsoft on the development of DOS.**

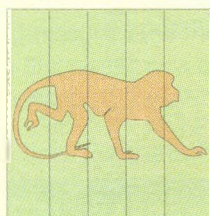
1992

"Windows NT addresses 2 Gigabytes of RAM which is more than any application will ever need."

Microsoft on the development of Windows NT

Pen Friend

Rohit Malhotra,
Age 19,
H: Playing mouth-organ,
skating, penfriendship.
Add: C/o B.K. Malhotra,
Kiran Kutir, 5 Swanson
Road, Bangalore.



Vinita Pundir,
Age 18,
H: Riding on roller-
coaster, visiting zoo,
penfriendship.
Add: C/o J.S. Pundir, 27-
B, Third Floor, Antriksh
Appartment, Ville Parle,
Mumbai-400 108.



Kiran Mehtani,
Age 18,
H: Kite flying, disco, English
films.
Add: C/o Rajendra Mehtani,
3-B, Railway Quarters,
Mandi Dabwali, Haryana.

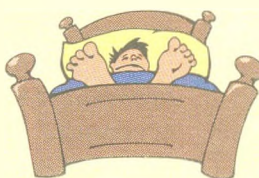


Hemant Kathuria,
Age 21,
H: Sleeping, eating,
cycle-riding.
Add: C/o R.S. Kathuria,
B-123, Opp. Gurudwara,
Ramesh Nagar, Delhi.



Simon Shendong,
Age 17,
H: Trekking, fishing,
penfriendship.
Add: C/o Chima Dorji,
Shop No. 18, China
Market, Siliguri,
West Bengal-700 012.

Seo Rai Ghalley,
Age 15,
H: Playing football,
scouting, hiking,
camping, reading
comics, penpals.
Add: C/o Centra Book
House, P.O. Gelephu,
District Sanpang,
Bhutan.



Francis Jacob,
Age 18,
H: Boating, bird-
watching, penfriend ship.
Add: C/o Hotel Ajit, Killari
Road,
Tichur, Kerala.

Himanshu Rajan,
Age 16,
H: Cricket, gossiping,
penfriendship.
Add: C/o Suresh Haritasya,
289, Bara Thakurdwara,
Shahdara,
Delhi-110 032.



PENFRIENDS COMIC WORLD

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I want to make Pen Friends.
I am sending a recent
photograph of myself and
Money Order for Rs.50/-

Name

Age;.....Sex :

Address :



MIRROR MIRROR ON THE WALL

Now a-days, everybody is more conscious about fitness and beauty. This is the point where you won't just say 'I DON'T CARE : So, if anything is bothering you, write to us. Beauty consultant, Suparna Trikha will tell you how to take care of it.



Suparna Trikha



Most people think that I am ugly and dark. Is that true that dark is ugly? What should I do to become fair?

XYZ, SAHARANPUR

I must say that most of the so-called people happen to be extremely rude and ignorant. Have you seen Naomi Campbell, Smita Patil, Nandita Das.... Are they ugly? In fact I think they are some of the most stunning women in the world, many times when I look in the mirror I wish I had a dark dusky complexion.

Make the most of what you have and never get a complex because of other peoples remarks.

I am 15 years old and get a lot of pimples. I keep squeezing them out but they only increase more. Please help!

RAJJESHWARI, KERALA

I must say that you definitely are quite ignorant as pimples should never be squeezed and obviously they will increase. Start to keep your skin squeaky clean by wiping it regularly with a mint and camphor tonic. Apply a face pack of fullers earth, sandalwood powder and ground cloves mixed with ice cold water. This should be kept on until completely dry and washed off. Besides this it is important that you avoid sweets, fried food and

drink plenty of water at least ten glasses a day and no colas please. Check to see that you do not suffer from constipation and if you do eat plenty of spinach and cabbage in your meals.

I am 9 years old and read your column in Comic World. I want to know how to have a glowing skin

AMRITA, DEHRADUN

Dear Amrita, at your age with fresh air, lots of greens, plenty of exercise, lots of water and a proper cleaning and moisturising program will give you a glowing skin and rosy cheeks. Clean your face with rose water everyday and apply a good cream at night to make your skin soft. You can make a moisturiser with almond oil, sandalwood oil and glycerine at home and massage it into the skin very gently. If you start now I promise that you will be glowing till 90!

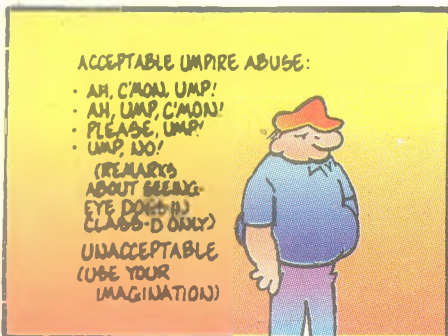
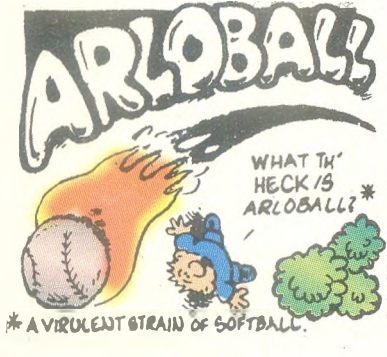
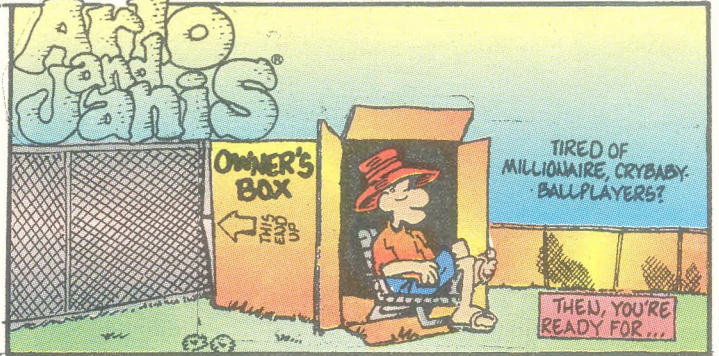
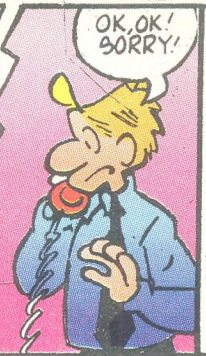
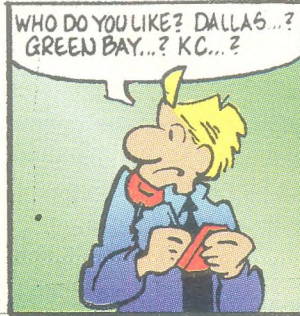
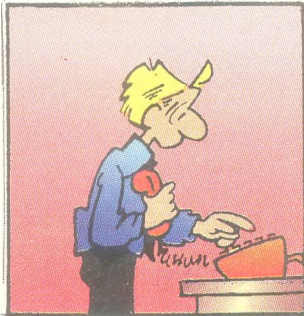
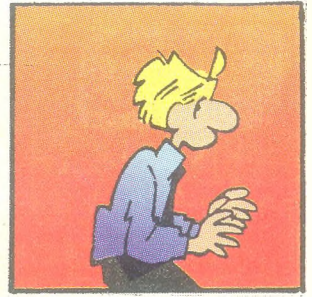
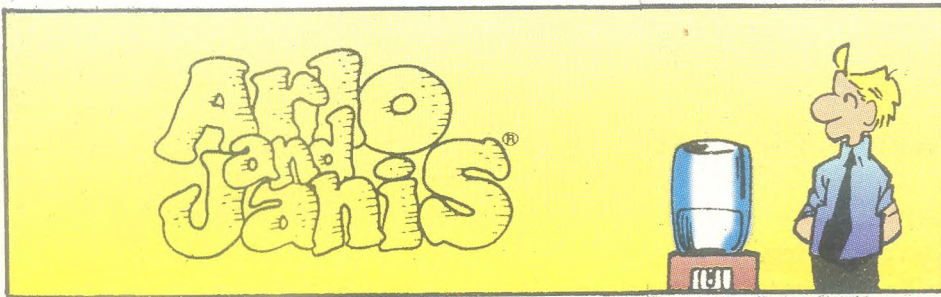


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FACE TO FACE



Dear Sir,
I love reading Comic World. I specially like all the comic characters like Chacha Chaudhary, Billoo, Pinki, Archie, Denis the Menace, Tarzan, Batman, Phantom, etc. Please give my favourite comic character Telani Rama in the coming issue.

T. Francis, Kerala

Dear Editor,
I recently read Comic World's issue No.15. I pitied myself for not having bought this magazine before. I have made a promise to myself never to miss a single issue of Comic World in future.

Sunita Desai, Jaipur

Dear Sir,
The millennium is ending. Please bring out an issue of Comic World completely devoted to the events of the last millennium.

Jyoti Sikdar, Poona

Dear Editor,
I am a dedicated reader of your magazine, Comic World. I have been reading this mag from the first issue onwards. It is appreciable that you've added some very interesting new features like 'vastu,' etc., but you've discontinued my favourite feature, 'helpline'.

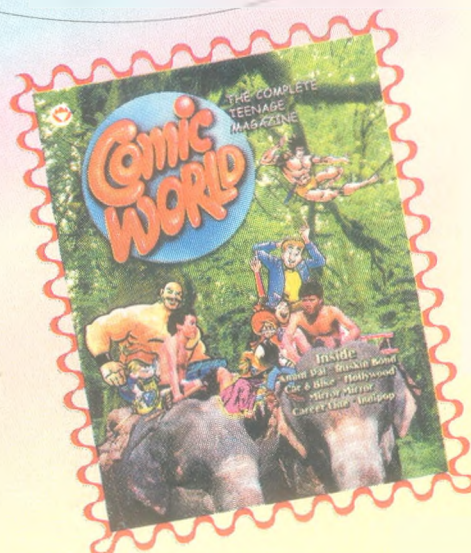
Please start giving it in the coming issue.

Gaurav Seth, Vadodra



Dear Sir,
I am a medical student. I don't have words to appreciate Comic World. All the comic characters are wonderful. But please give historical facts and India folklore too.

Nishant Chaudhury, Calcutta

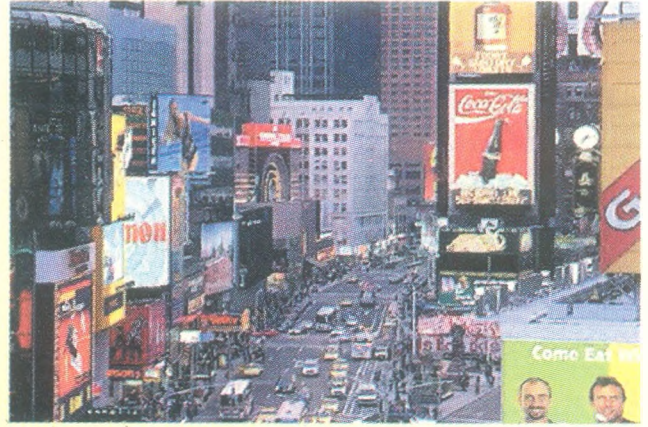


A Tale of Two Cities

A.D. 1000: Cordoba, Spain

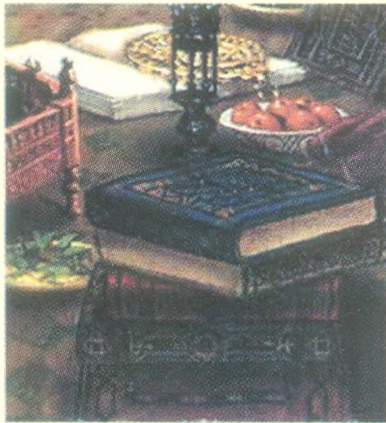
A.D. 2000: New York City, U.S.A.

By comparing Cordoba, Spain, as it was 1,000 years ago, with modern New York City, we have tried to provide you glimpses of how the world has changed over the millennium.



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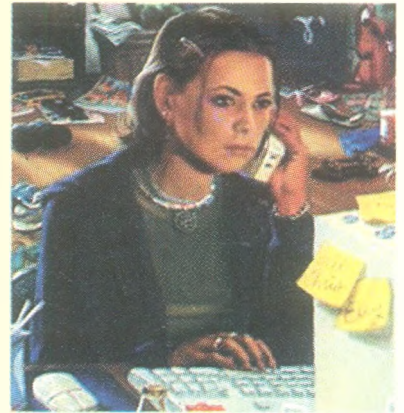
Books



Affluent Muslims in Cordoba cherished hand lettered books, whose parchment or paper leaves were bound in painstakingly decorated leather. Besides the Koran and Hadith (sacred texts), a scholar's library likely included poetry and scientific treatises.

Worldly and wired, a modern New Yorker can access the Information Age by computer, telephone, television, or radio. Yet mass produced books, magazines, and newspapers and superstores to sell them testify to an undying thirst for the intimacy of words on paper.

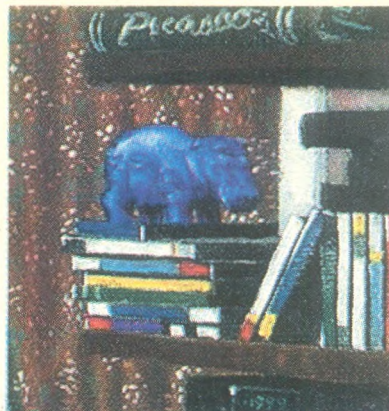
Computer and Telephone



CURIOS

Porcelain

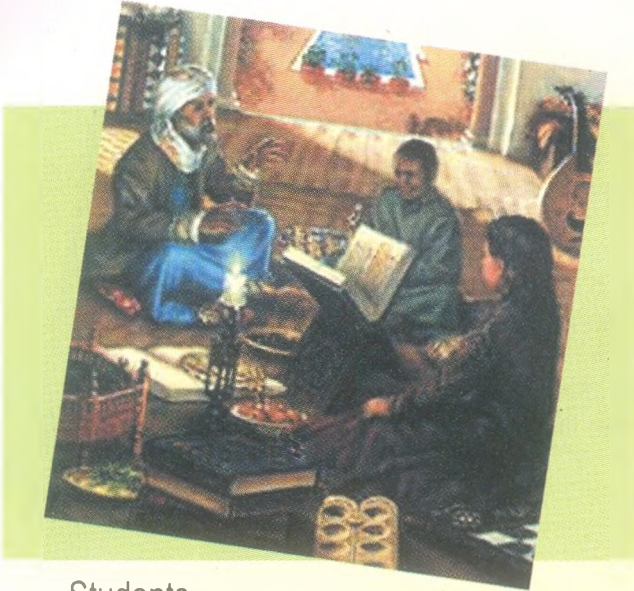
Vast webs of trade linked the medieval Muslim world, enabling this Cordoban family to cherish a rare porcelain vase from China's Tang Dynasty. The leading trade item was cloth cotton, silk, and wool.



Egyptian Hippo

It's a small world for many modern Americans, who can accessorize their lives with pieces of assorted eras. Tchotchkes in this apartment include a fossil, a reproduction Egyptian hippo, an origami bird, and an arabesque picture frame

People



Students

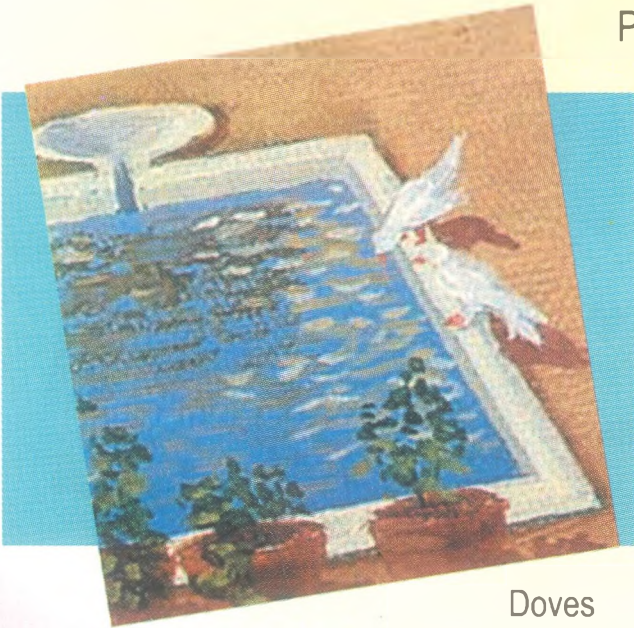
Cordoban education began at home, where muslim children listen as an elder, perhaps a grandfather or uncle, teaches the Koran. Older boys sometimes went on to religious schooling in the mosque.



Young Woman

New York offers this young woman an opportunity unthinkable in Alexandria or Cordoba the chance to live alone. Unlike women in many other times and places, she can also pursue a career, vote, own property, and marry (or not) as she chooses.

Pets



Doves

Not quite wild but not quite tame, doves adorned Cordoban gardens. They also inspired Cordoban poets and cooks.



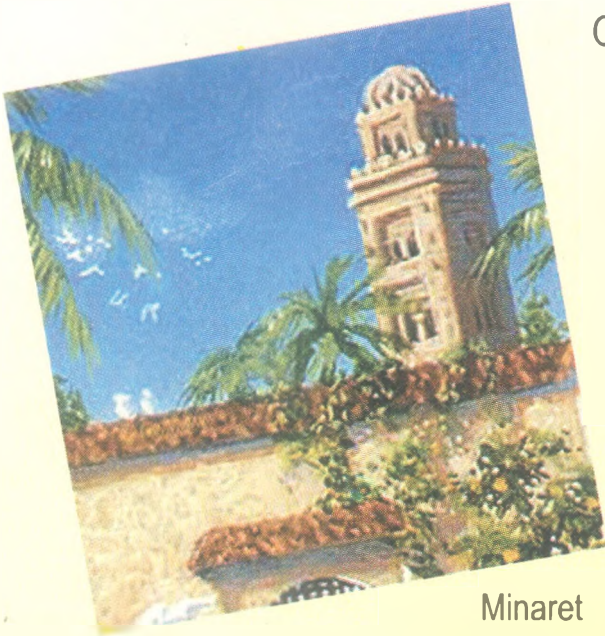
Iguana

An iguana offers a taste of the exotic for a busy New Yorker. But many such pets, bought more as curiosities than companions, suffer from their owners' ignorance about how to tend them.

A Tale of Two Cities

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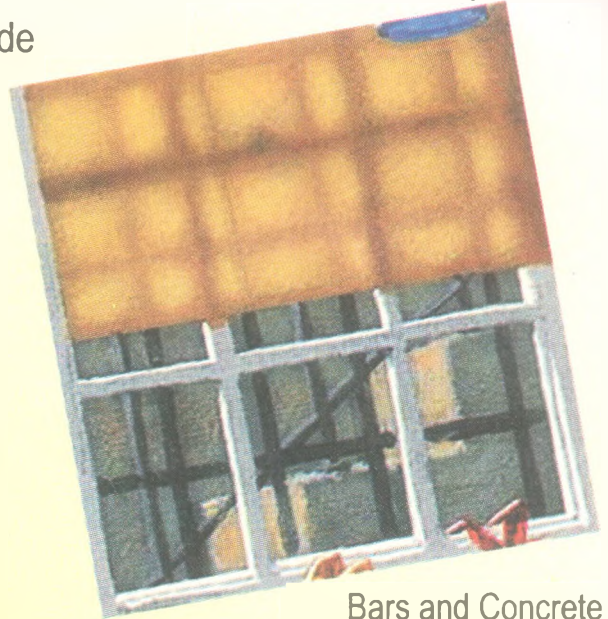
A.D. 2000: New York City, U.S.A.



Minaret

Five times a day, a muezzin, or crier, climbed this minaret to remind Muslims to pause and pray at home or in a nearby mosque. (Cordoba had 1,600.) Each Friday men gathered in the great mosque, now a Catholic cathedral, to worship together.

Outside



Bars and Concrete

Bars and blank wall greet the inhabitant of this room with no view. New York's 7.5 million people face a housing market infamous for skyscraper high prices and paltry options.



Chess

Cordobans filled free hours with chess and a board game called manqala. Players threw dice and moved beads around a board shaped like a modern egg carton. Reciting poetry was another favorite pastime.

Games

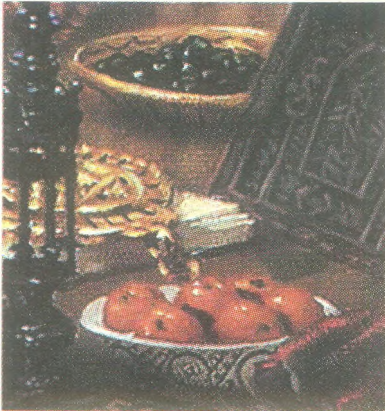


Videos and
Computer Games

Computer games and videos provide instant entertainment for many modern households. But do they, as some Americans fear, rob people of interaction with others? Should this New Yorker take her eyes off the screen, a bike helmet and telescope suggest off line possibilities.

Food

Oranges and Figs



Coaxed by Muslims' adept irrigation, the fertile lands around Cordoba yielded oranges, figs, and a host of other fruits. They enriched a diet of mutton, chicken, and beans all seasoned with spices procured along far flung trade routes. Mint tea was a favourite drink.

Pizza and Chinese Food

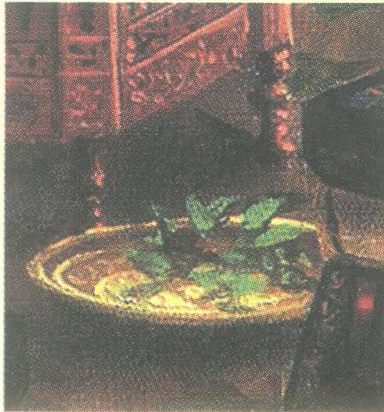


Place and time which once severely curtailed menus pose no limit to today's consumers. A single phone call can bring pizza or Chinese food or almost anything else to one's door.

Medicine

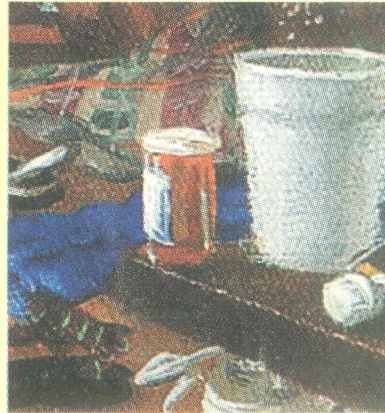
Herbs

Herbs were the backbone of medicine in the Islamic world. Doctors battled most ailments by prescribing purgatives and laxatives meant to drive disease from the patient's body.



Drugs

Few modern homes lack a supply of vitamins and painkillers, sometimes supplemented by herbs. Traditional folk remedies gained new popularity among urbanites in the nineties.



Lute

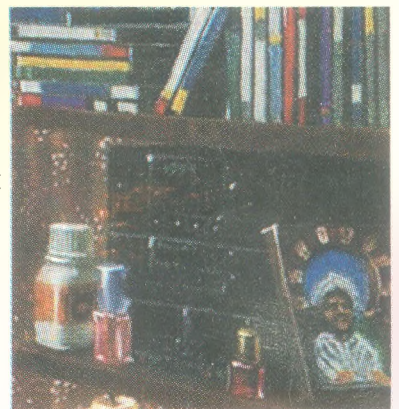


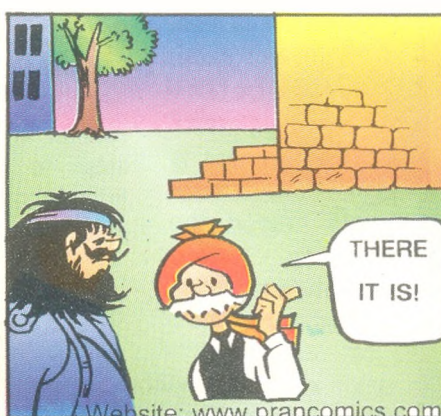
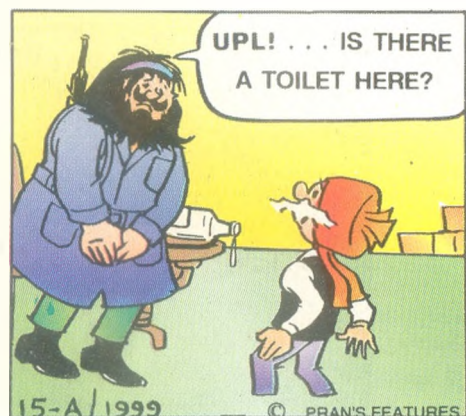
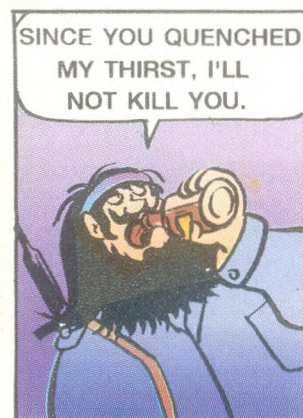
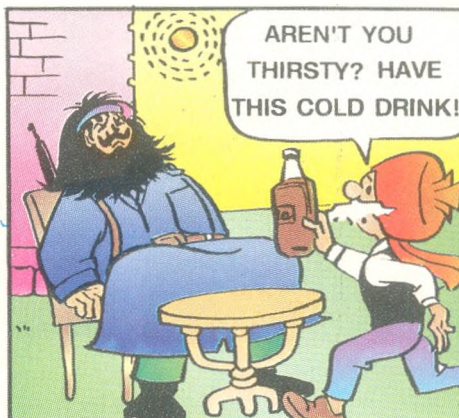
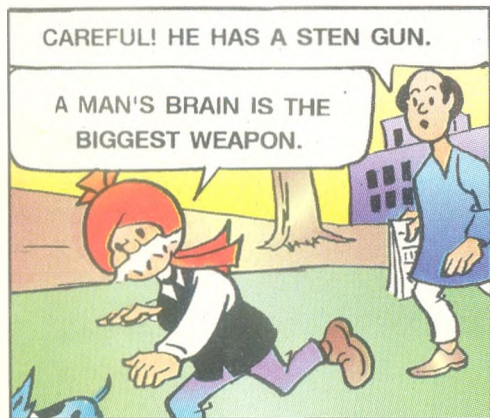
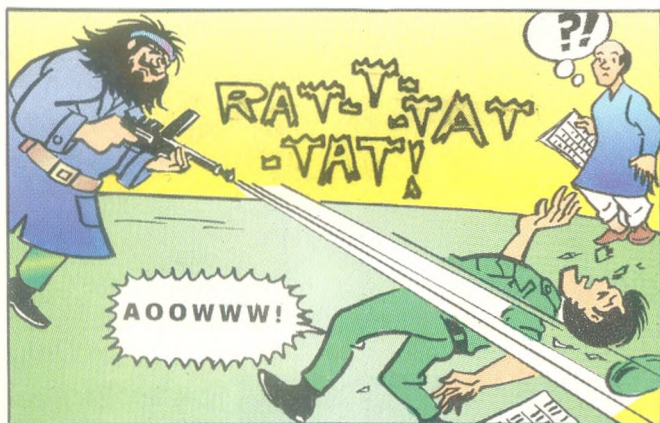
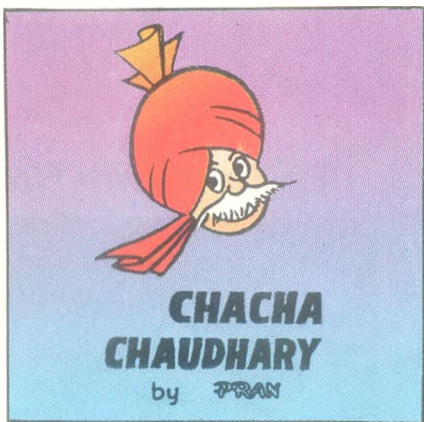
A popular instrument in the Muslim world, the lute often appeared in royal settings. Patronising musicians and other artists helped the nobility win reputations as sophisticates.

Music

By popping a cassette or compact disc into her stereo, this modern American can listen to everything from Abba to Mozart to ZZ Top.

Stereo

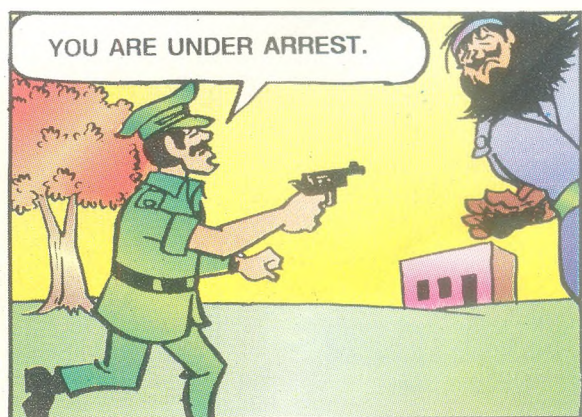
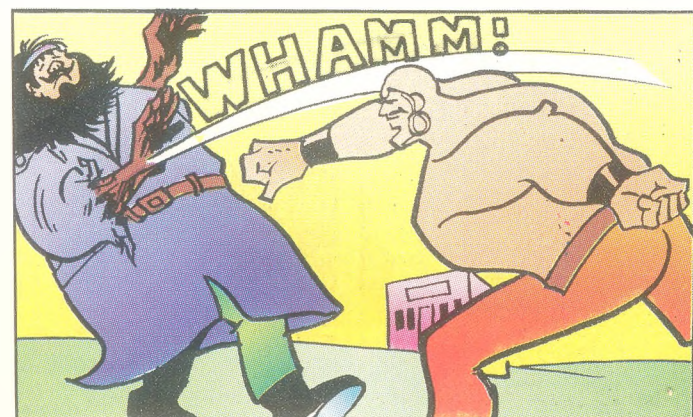
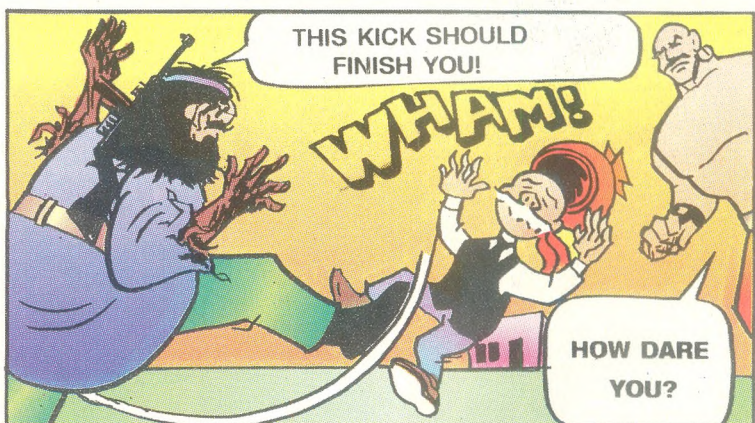
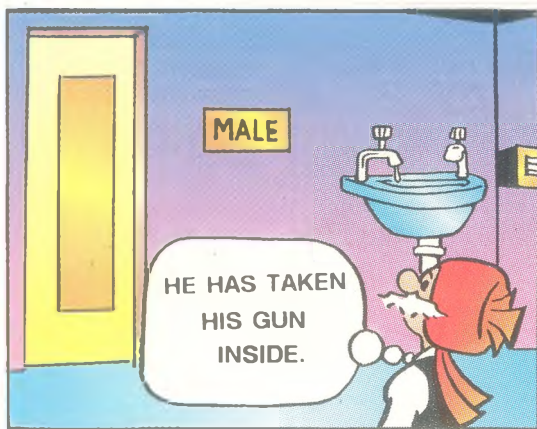




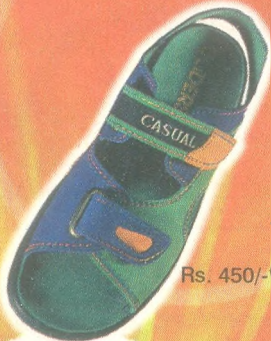
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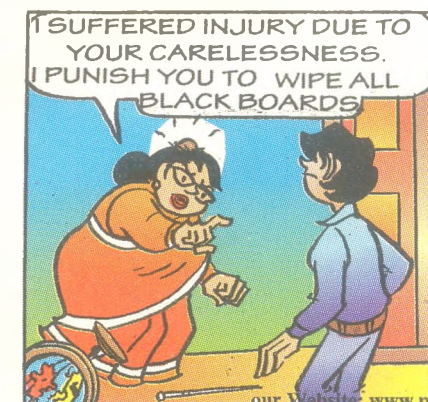
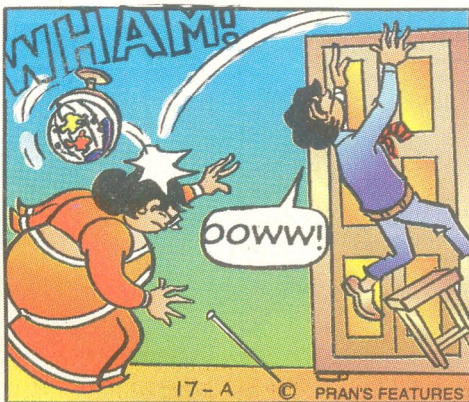
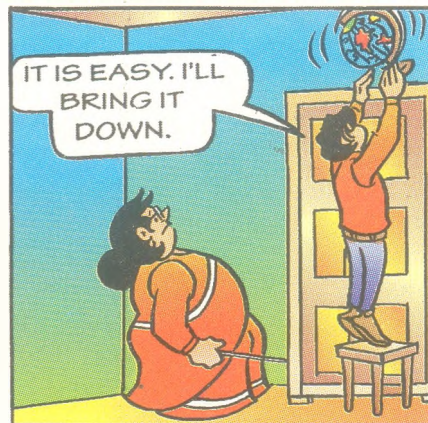
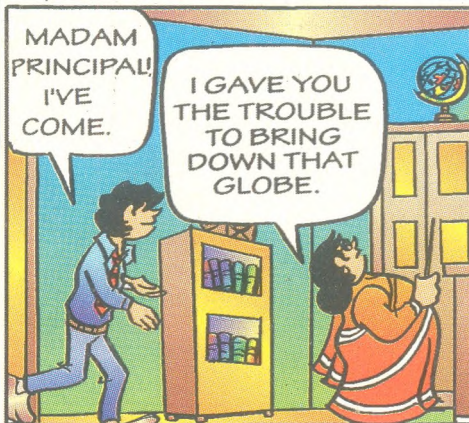
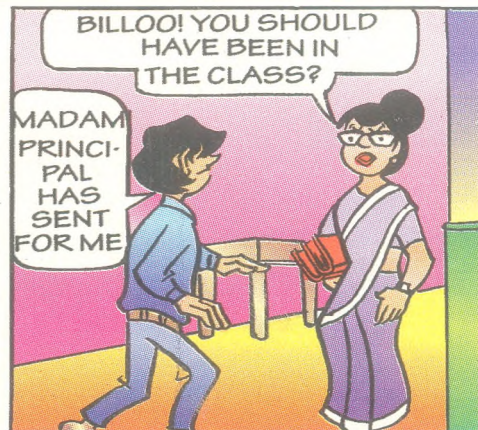
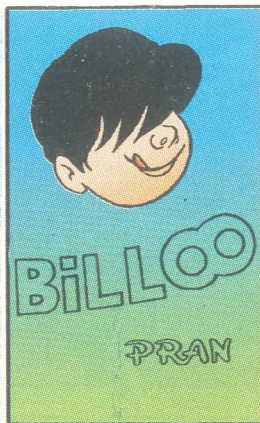


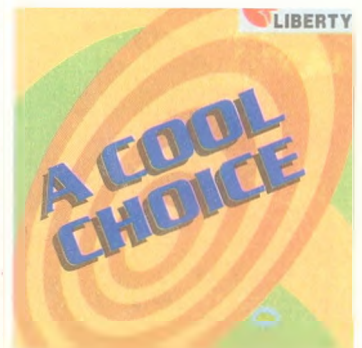
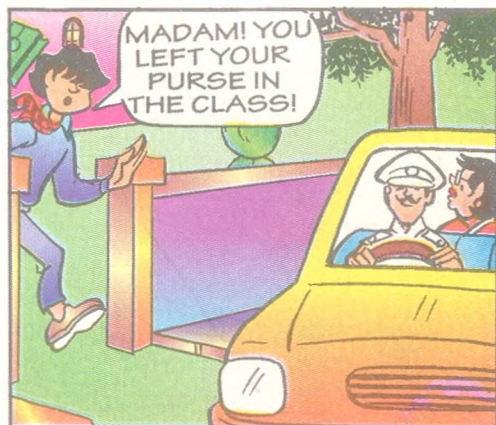
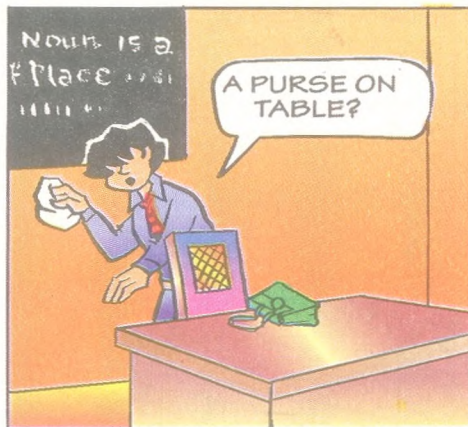
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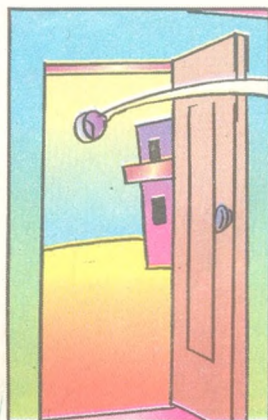
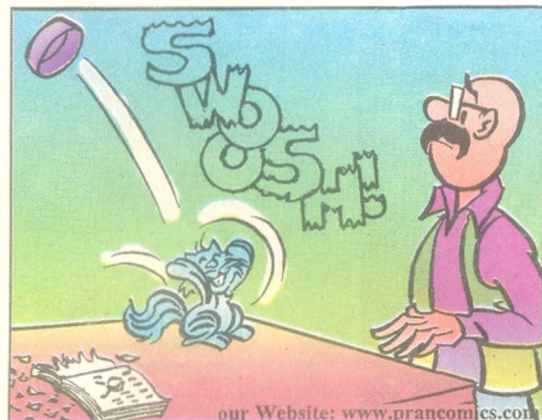
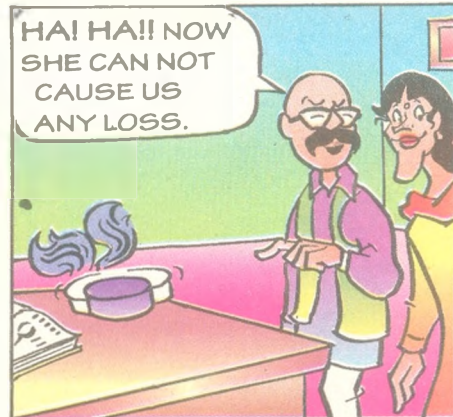
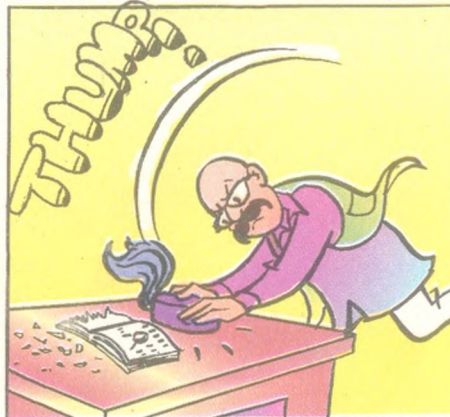
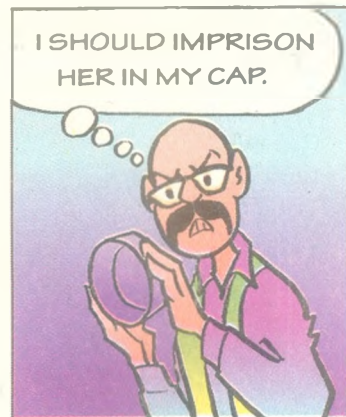
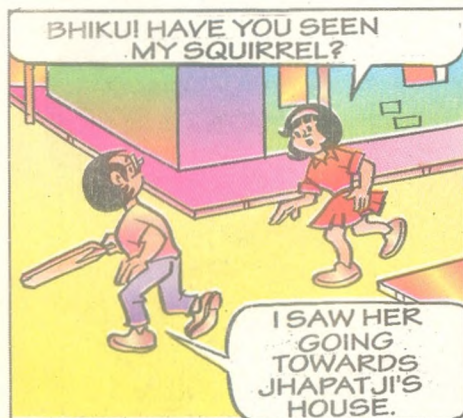


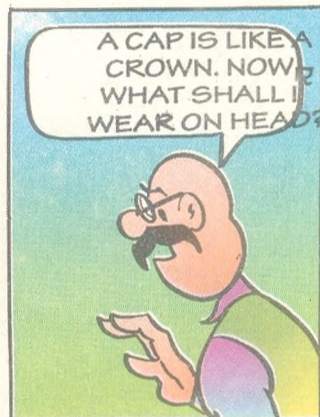
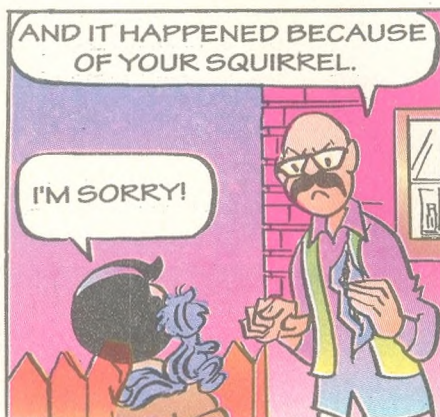
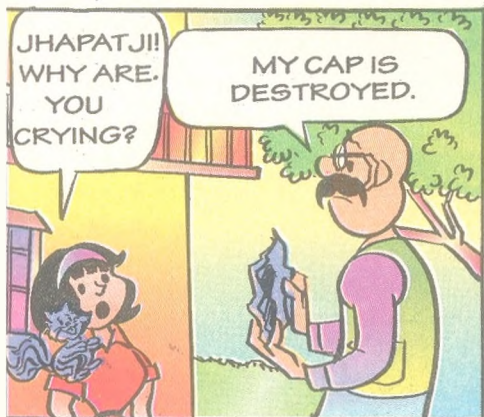
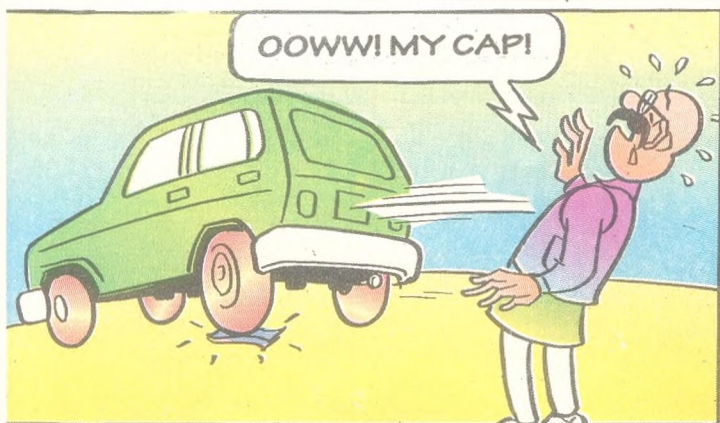
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TENALI RAM TAKES REVENGE

TENALI TAKES NOTICE OF RAJGURU, AS HE TAKES A BATH EVERYDAY, IN THE TUNGAABHUDRA RIVER, THREE KILOMETERS FROM TOWN.

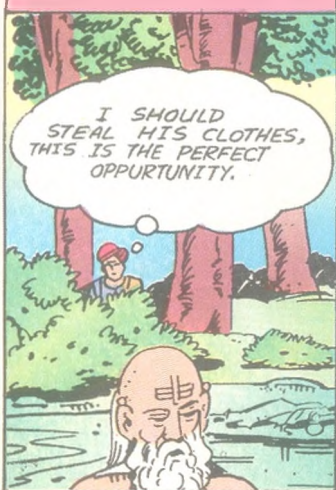
THE TIME FOR REVENGE HAS COME, I'LL TEACH HIM A LESSON, TODAY.



TENALI REACHES THE RIVER BANK, BEFORE RAJGURU AND WAITS FOR HIM BEHIND A BUSH.



RAJGURU, REACHED THE RIVER BANK, TOOK OFF HIS CLOTHES AND WENT TO THE RIVER, FOR A BATH.



I SHOULD STEAL HIS CLOTHES, THIS IS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY.

TENALI, QUIETLY STEALS RAJGURU'S CLOTHES, TIES IT INTO A BUNDLE AND HIDES IT BEHIND A BUSH.



THEN HE RETURNS TO THE RIVER BANK AND WAITS FOR THE RAJGURU.

FINDING HIS CLOTHES MISSING, RAJGURU IS ASTONISHED.



HEY, WHERE DID MY CLOTHES DISSAPPEAR?

SUDDENLY, TENALI EMERGED FROM BEHIND THE BUSH.



WHAT'RE YOU SEARCHING FOR, RAJGURU?

I... I CAN'T FIND MY CLOTHES?



DID YOU EVEN COME, WEARING CLOTHES?



RAJGURU'S FACE, TURNS RED—

WHAT RUBBISH! DID I COME HERE NAKED?

WHAT DO I KNOW—SEARCH, YOU'LL FIND YOUR CLOTHES, HERE, ITSELF.



THIS IS CERTAINLY YOUR DOING, TENALI, SINCE THERE'S NO THIRD PERSON HERE, EXCEPT WE TWO ?



TENALI—TENALI, WHO? ARE YOU SPEAKING TO ME, RAJGURU ?

YES, I'M SPEAKING TO YOU ONLY, TENALIRAM AND NOT TO ANY STONE ?



OH... SO YOU FINALLY REMEMBERED MY NAME AND RECOGNISED ME. THAT DAY YOU HAD REFUSED TO RECOGNISE ME, IN THE PALACE.



I ACCEPT THAT, IT WAS MY FAULT, THAT DAY. NOW, GIVE ME MY CLOTHES ?



CLOTHES, WHAT CLOTHES? ARE YOU DRUNK ? I'VE JUST REACHED IN FRONT OF YOU. I'VE NOT EVEN SEEN YOUR CLOTHES.



DON'T PESTER ME, TENALI—YOU'VE DEFINITELY HIDDEN MY CLOTHES— GIVE THEM TO ME !



WOW ! WHAT FUN, WHEN PEOPLE WILL SEE THE RAJGURU NAKED, ON THE STREETS.

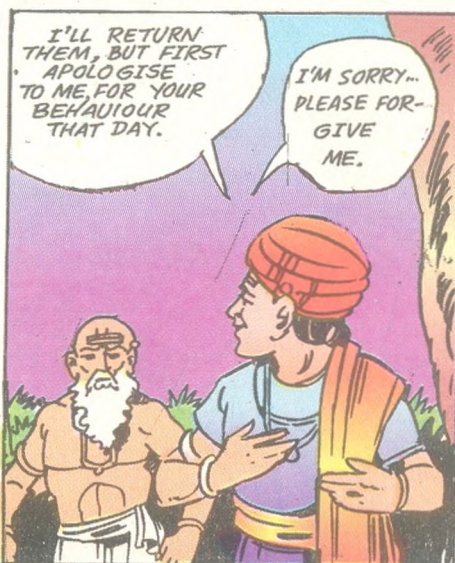


N... NO, YOU CANNOT DO THIS, TENALI ? PLEASE RETURN MY CLOTHES.



WHAT A PERFORMANCE... YOU ACT WELL, RAJGURU— WHAT A DIALOGUE.

HAVE MERCY ON ME AND RETURN MY CLOTHES, TENALI.

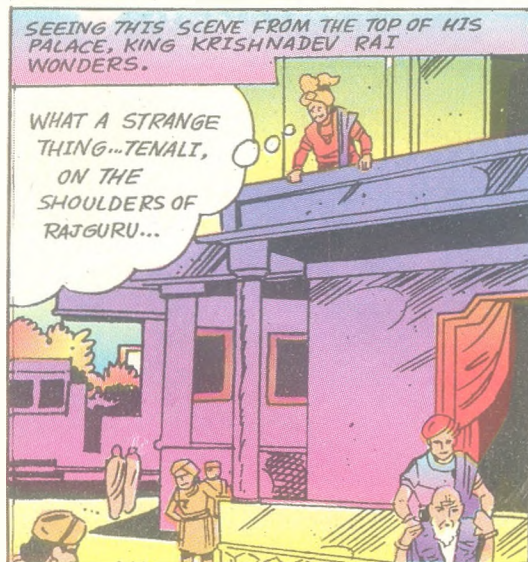


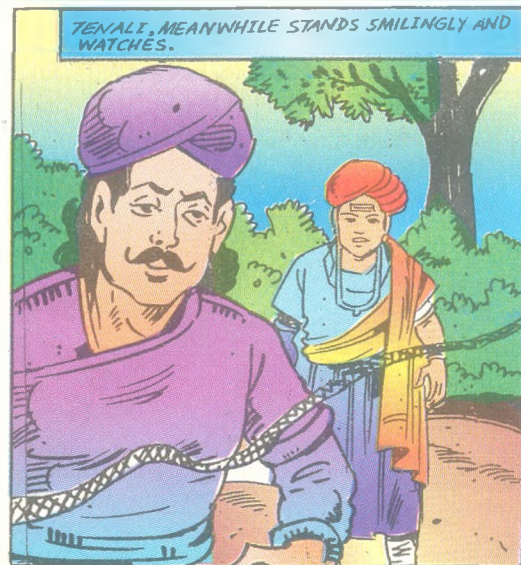
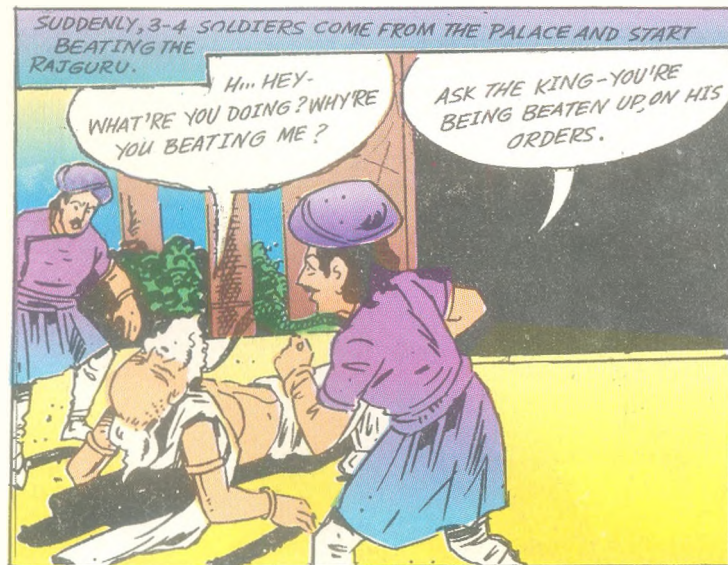
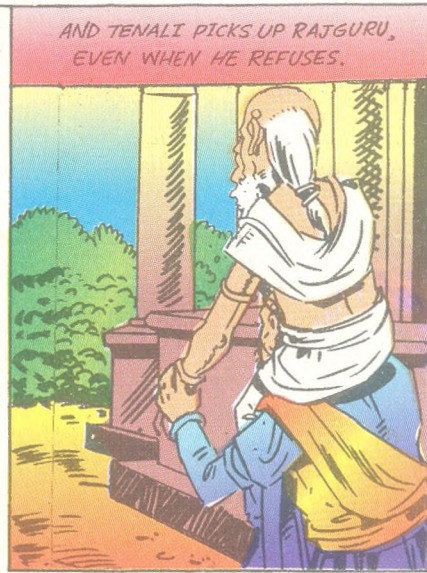
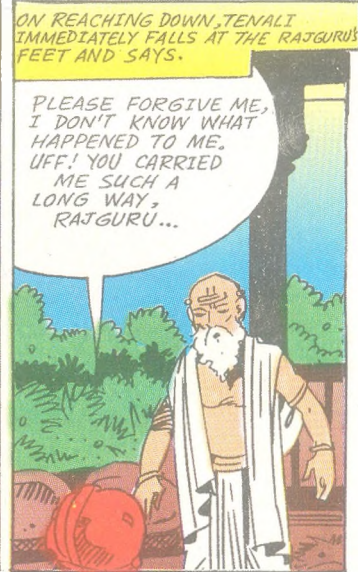
I'LL RETURN THEM, BUT FIRST APOLOGISE TO ME, FOR YOUR BEHAVIOUR THAT DAY.

I'M SORRY... PLEASE FORGIVE ME.

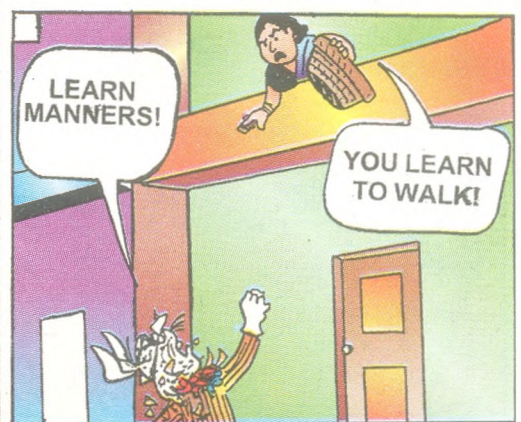
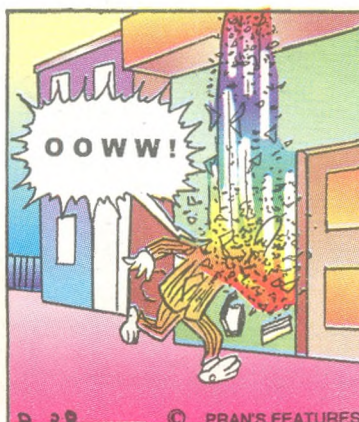
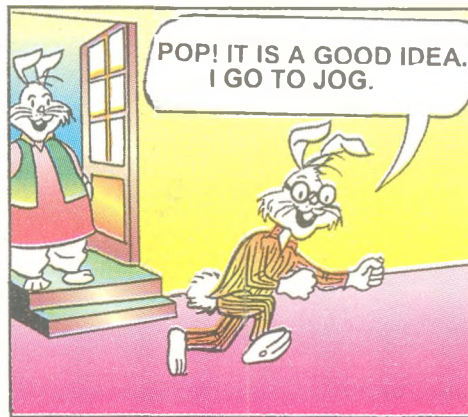
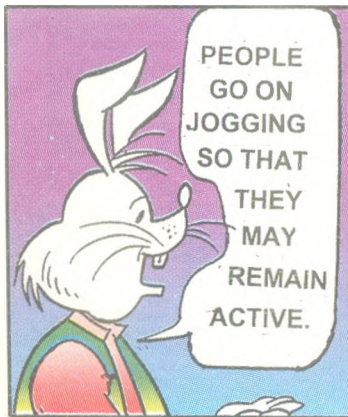
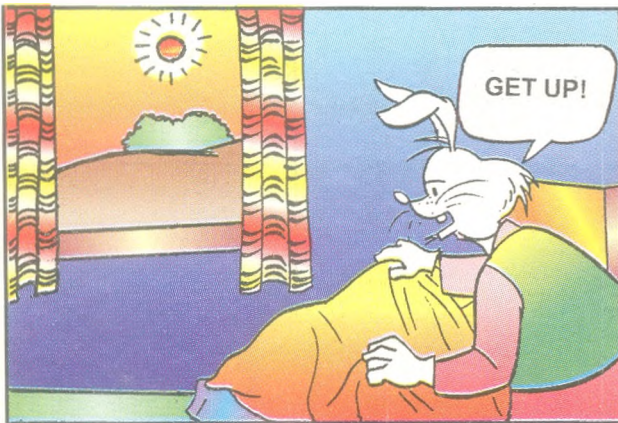
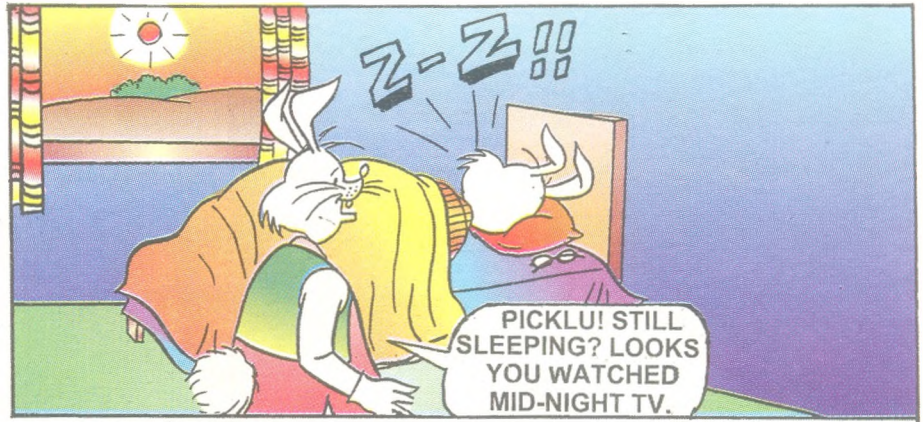


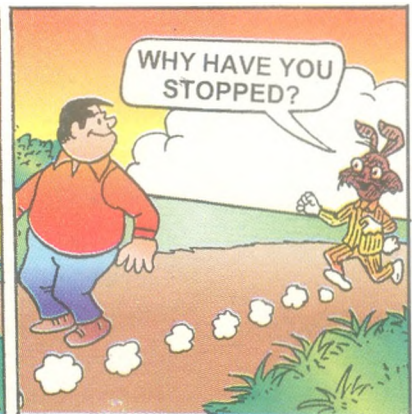
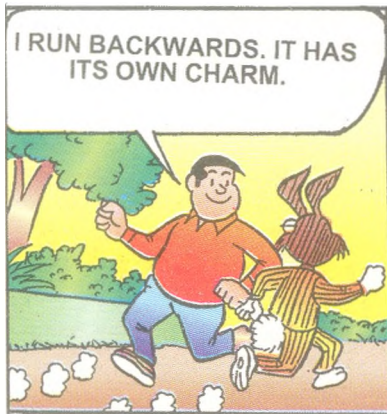
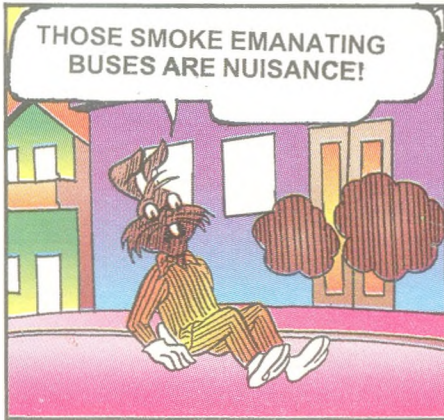
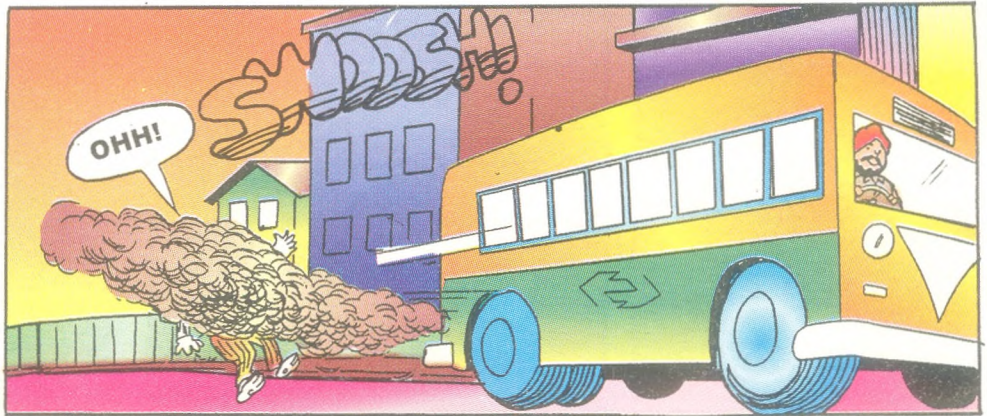
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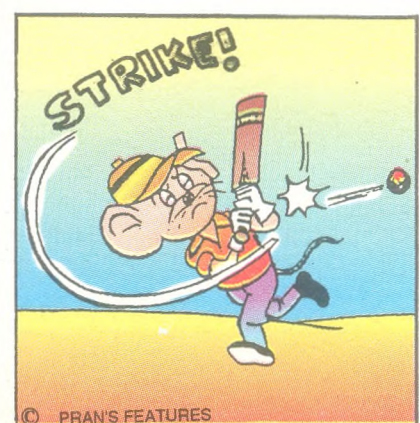
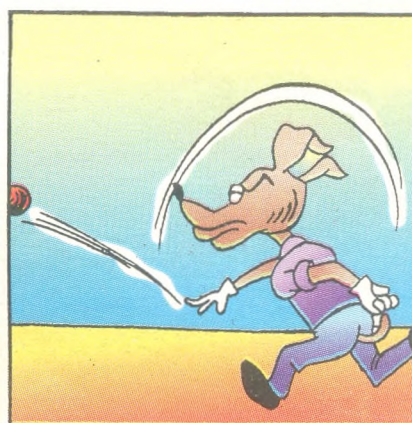
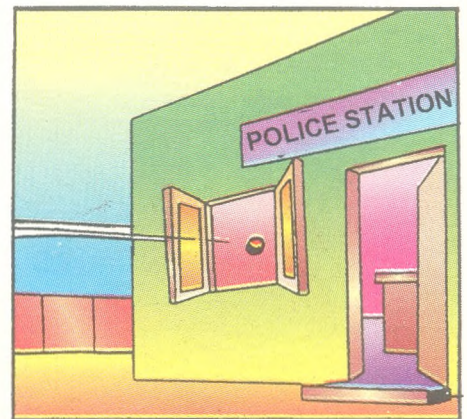
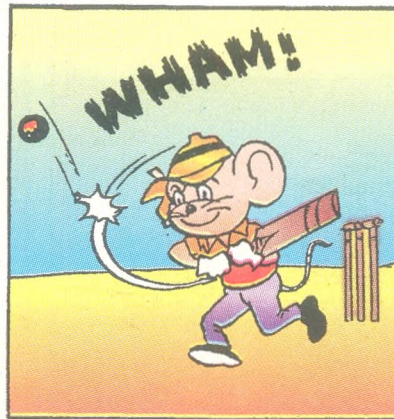
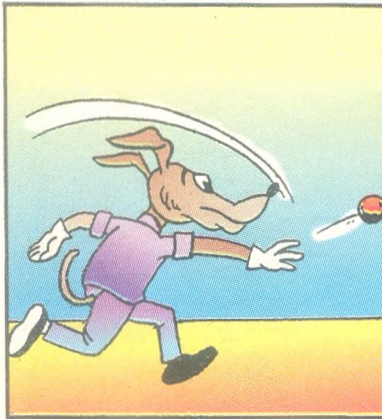
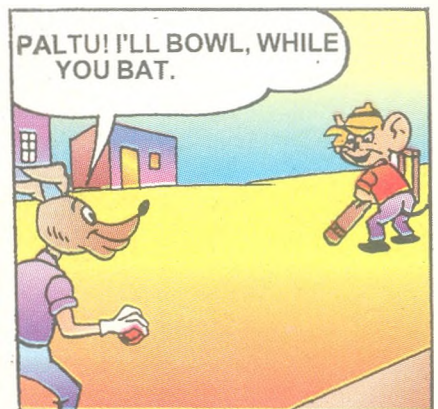
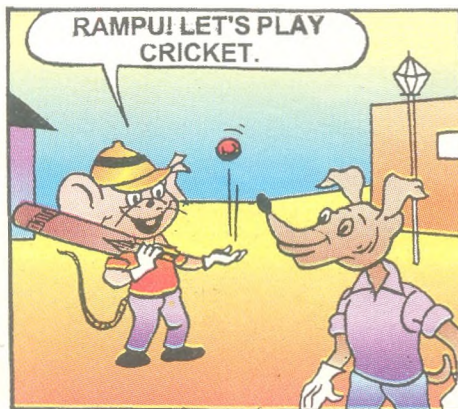
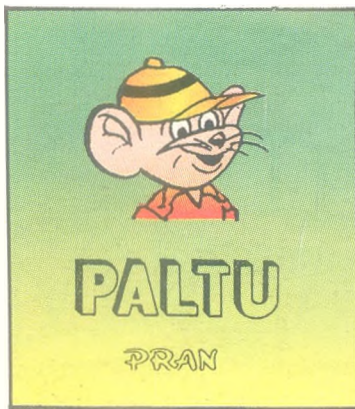


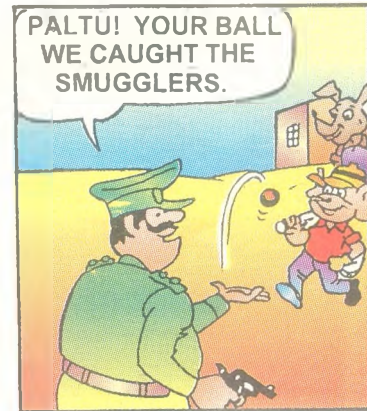
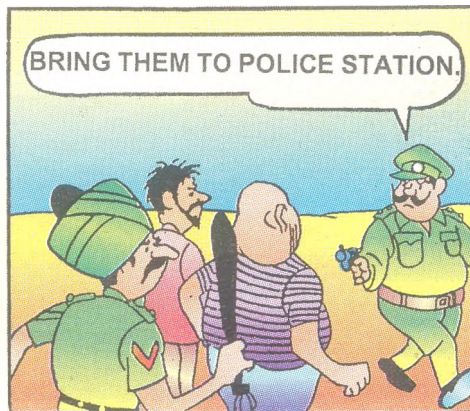
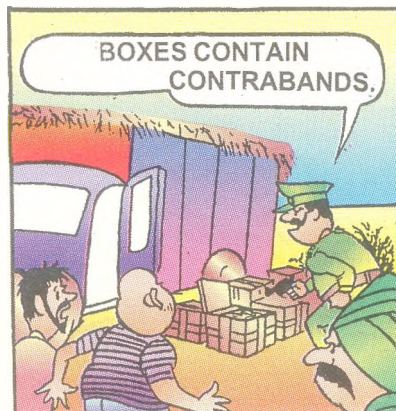
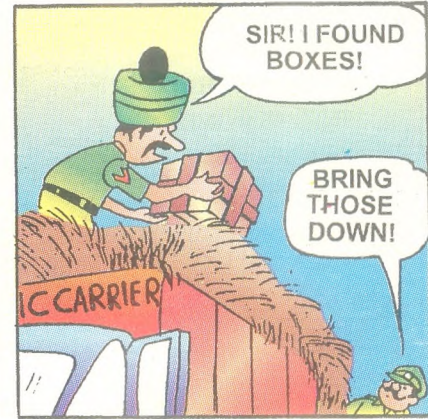
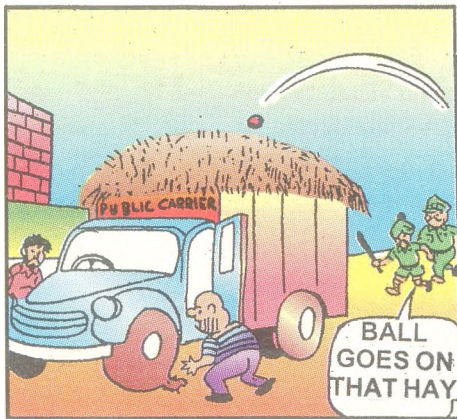
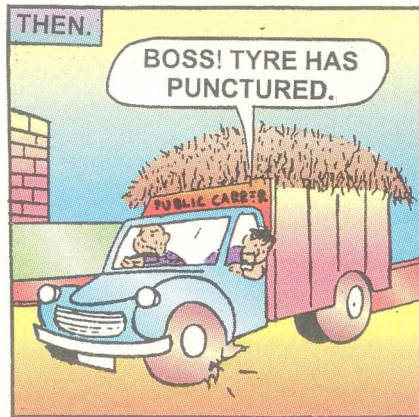
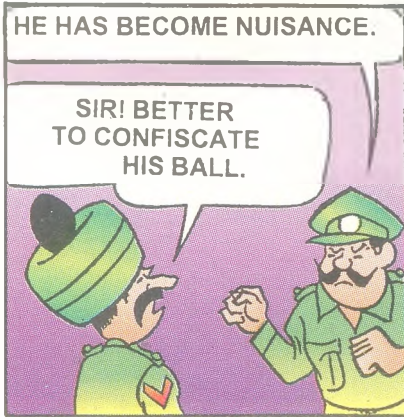
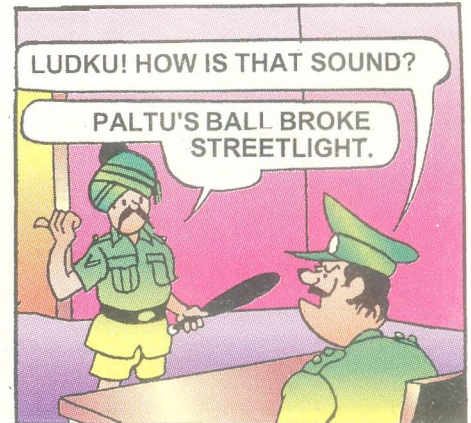
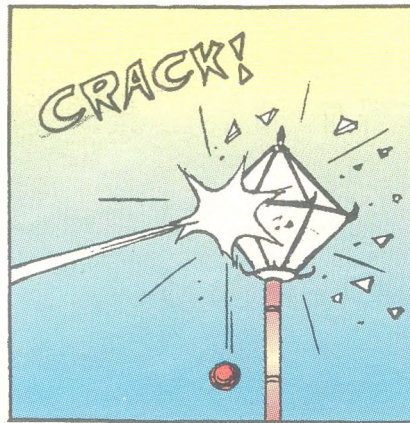
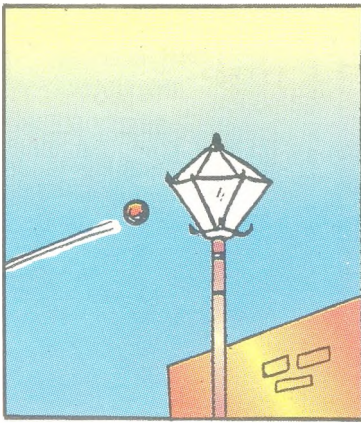


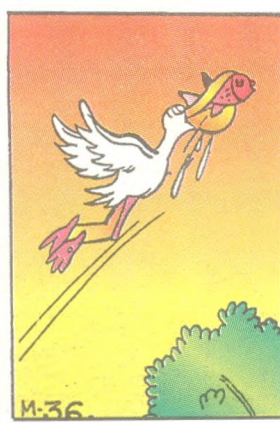
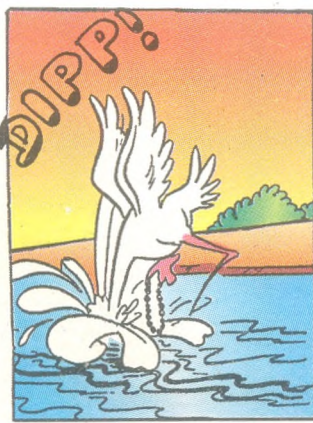
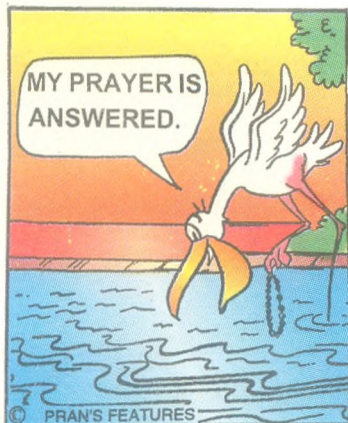
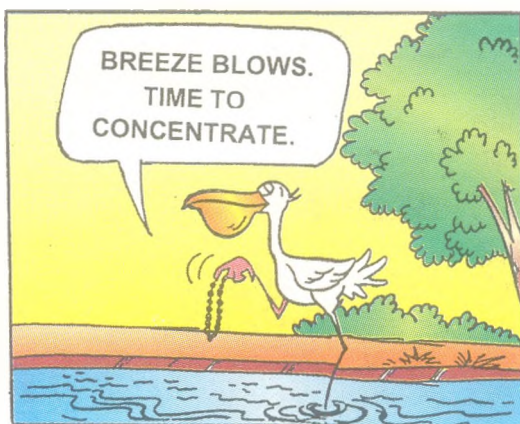
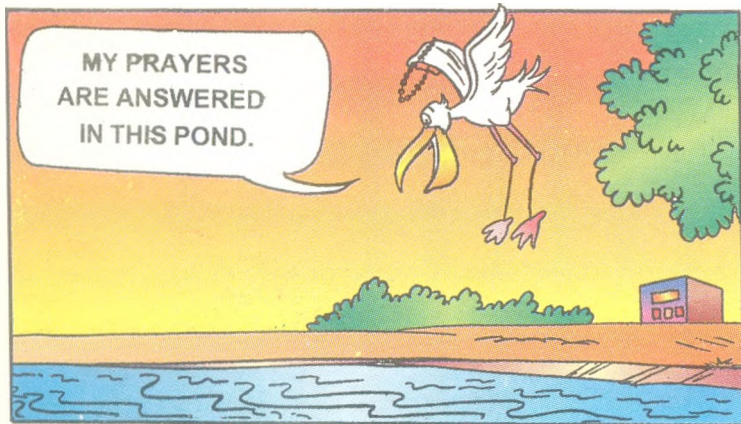
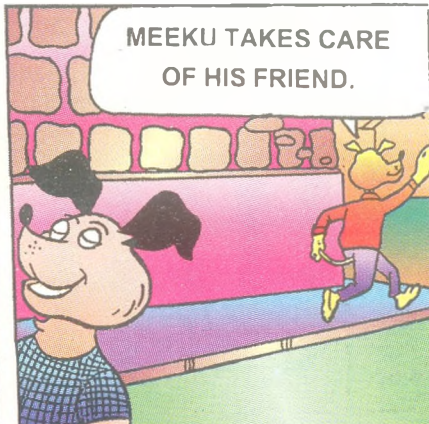


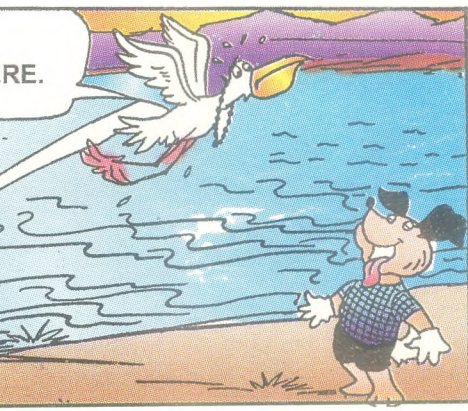
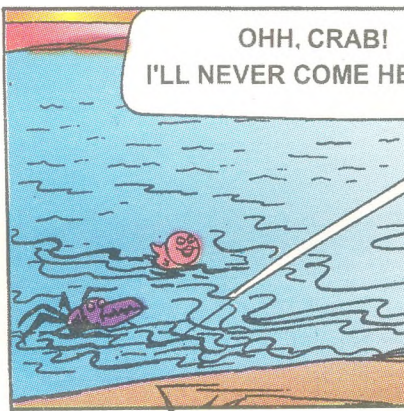
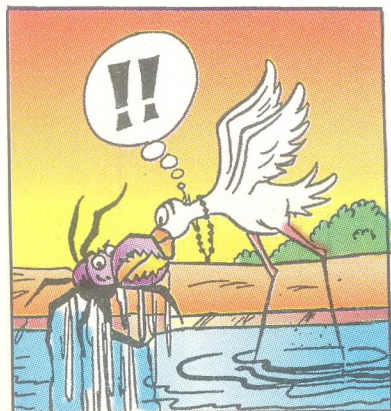
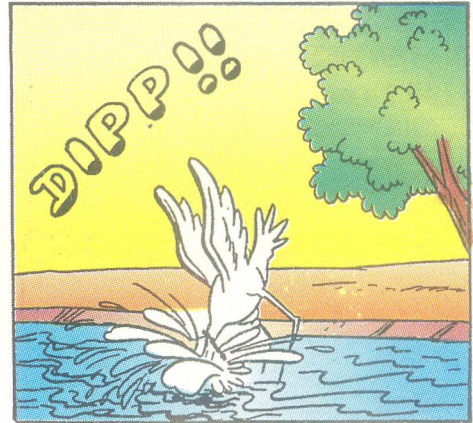
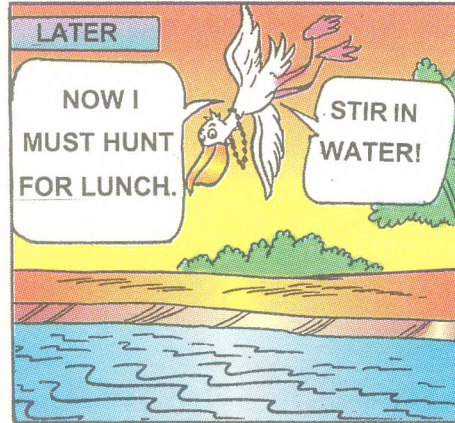
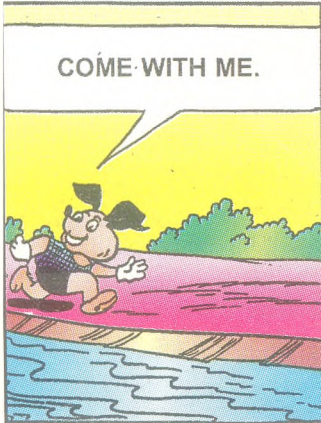
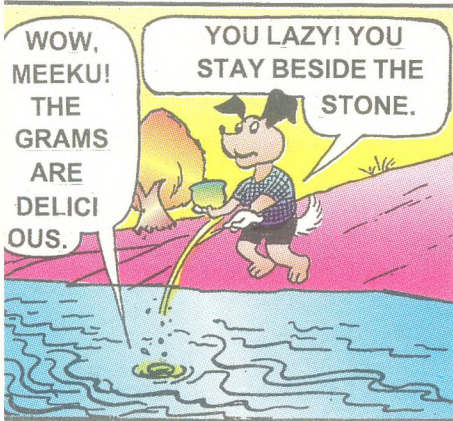
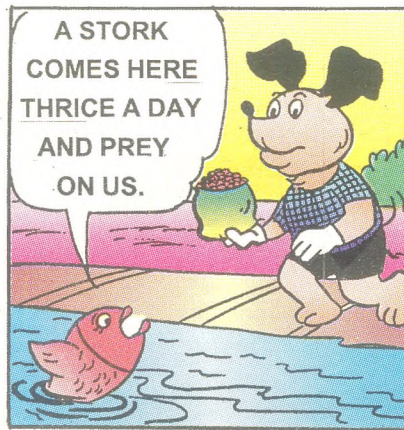
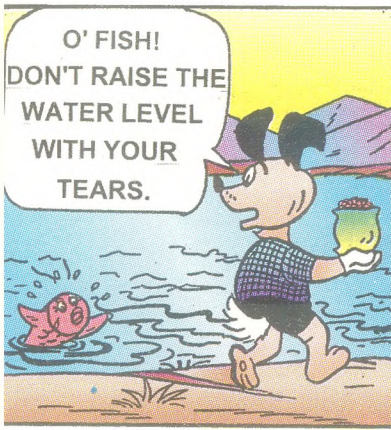


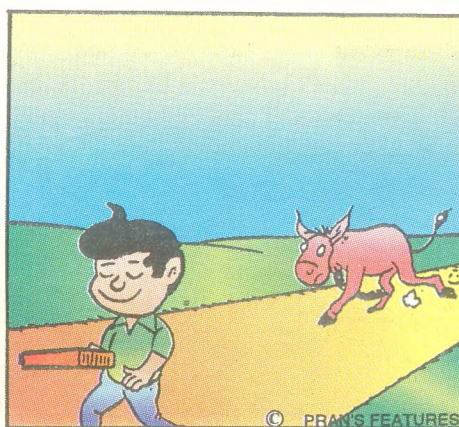
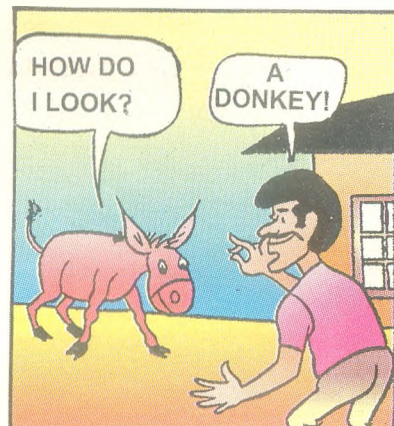
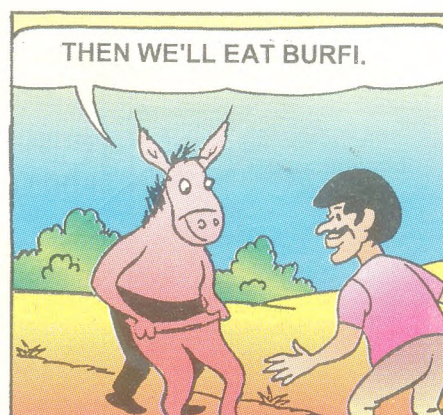
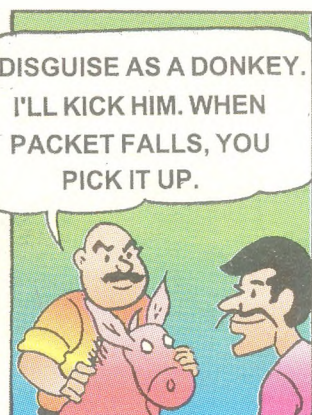
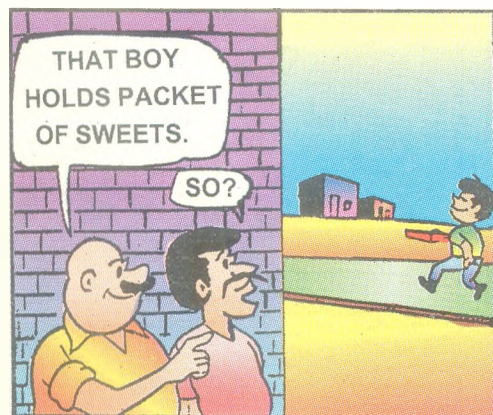
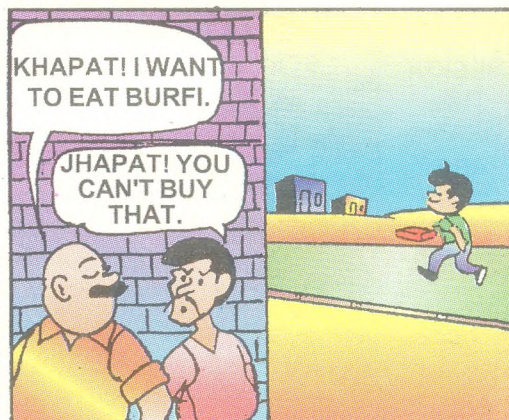
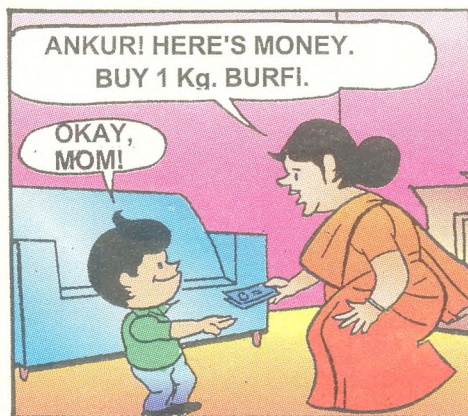
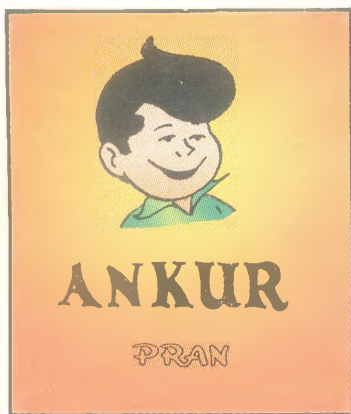


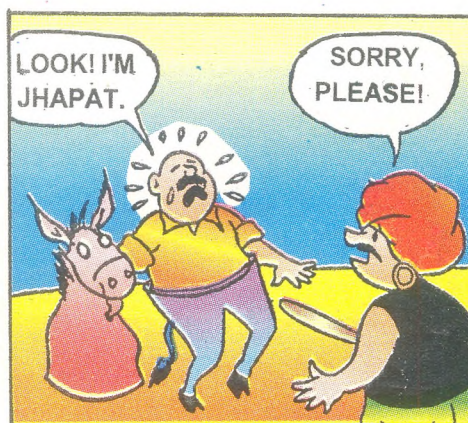
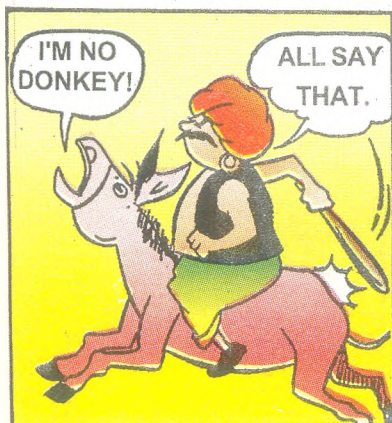
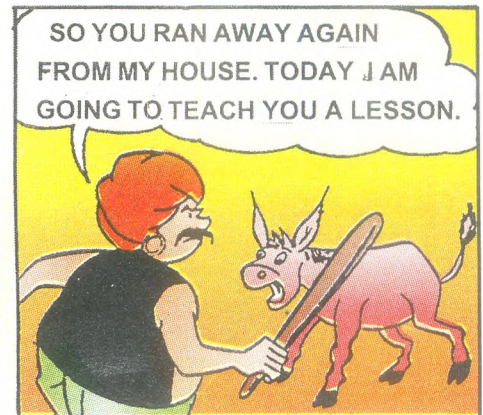
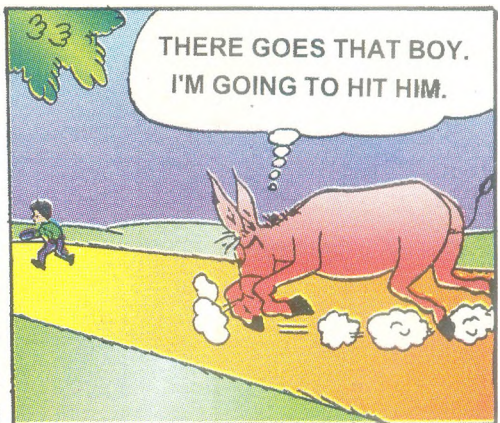
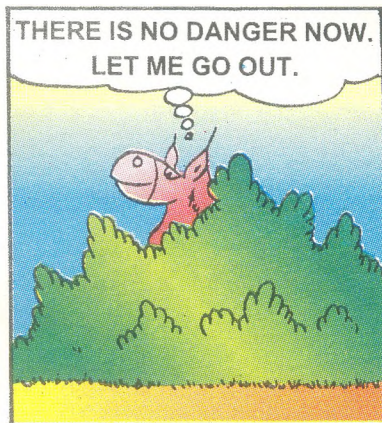
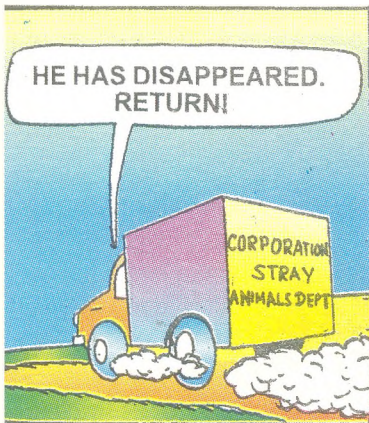
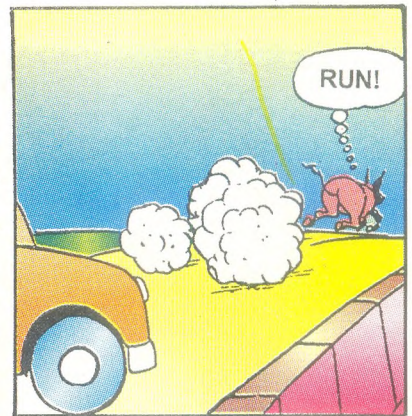
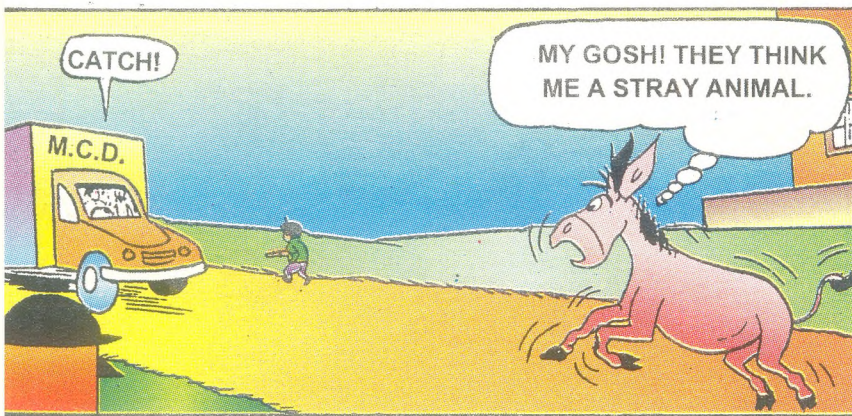






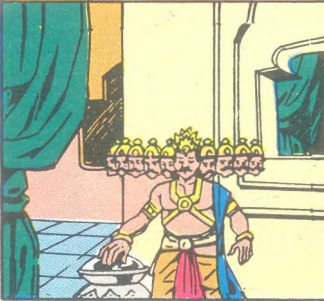








STALWARTS LIKE KUMBHKARAN AND MEGHNATH WERE SLAIN AND THE WAR BETWEEN RAM AND RAVANA WAS AT ITS PEAK. RAVANA WAS DESPERATELY WANTING TO CHANGE THE TIDE —



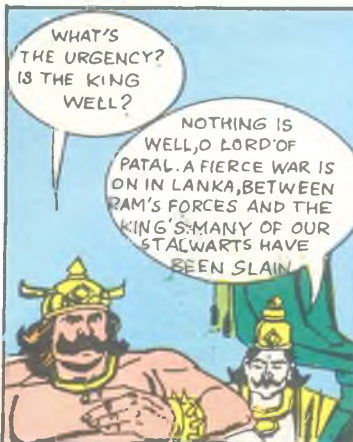
SUDDENLY, AN IDEA STRUCK HIS MIND AND HE QUICKLY STOOD UP —



RAVANA QUICKLY SUMMONED HIS SLEUTHS AND INSTRUCTED THEM.



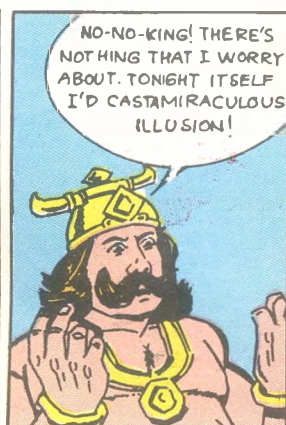
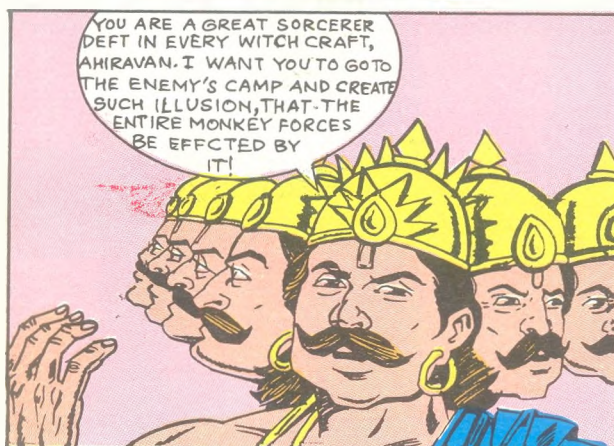
THE SLEUTHS REPAIRED TO PATAL WITH ALACRITY AND DELIVERED THE MESSAGE TO AHIRAVAN —



THE SLEUTH THEN TOLD AHIRAVAN, ALL THAT HAD TRANSPIRED IN LANKA —



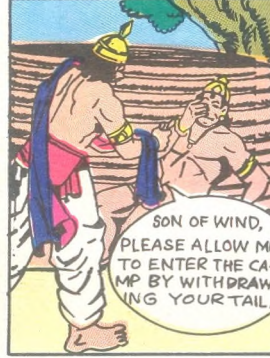
HE PREPARED HIMSELF AND REACHED LANKA SOON. THEN HE WENT TO MEET RAVANA



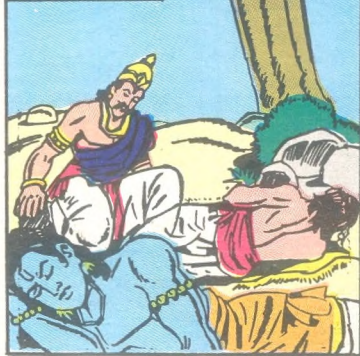
SUPDENSELY HE HAD A BRAINWAVE —



DISGUIISING HIMSELF AS VIBHISHAN, HE REACHED THE MAIN GATE OF THE CAMP AND REQUESTED HANUMAN TO WITHDRAW HIS TAIL —



AMIRAVAN MANAGED TO ENTER THE CAMP AND REACH THE TENT WHERE RAM AND LAKSHMAN WERE RELAXING —



THERE HE CAST SUCH A SPELL THAT ALL THOSE PRESENT IN THE CAMP FELL ASLEEP THEN HE LIFTED RAM AND LAKSHMAN AND KEEPING THEM ON HIS SHOULDERS, ELOPED BY THE UNDERGROUND WAY TO PATAL —



AFTER REACHING PATAL HE LAID SLEEPING BOTH IN A SECURED PLACE AND PLACED THEM UNDER A STEEN VIGILANCE —



THERE IN THE MONKEY'S CAMP WHEN THE INMATES AROSE, THEY BECAME PANICKY TO FIND RAM AND LAKSHMAN MISSING —



HAS SOMETHING UN-TOWARDS TAKEN PLACE? WITH WAR AT ITS CLIMAX, LORD RAM'S ABSENCE'D DEMORALISE THE FORCES TOTALLY!



DID ANY STRANGER ENTER THE CAMP AT NIGHT?

NOT THAT I KNOW OF.



BY THAT TIME VIBHISHAN HIMSELF REACHED THERE. SUGRIVA ASKED —



THEN THIS MUST BE AHIRAVAN'S DOING, BECAUSE HE IS EXPERT IN PUTTING ANY GUISE HE WANTS. HE MUST HAVE TAKEN AWAY RAM AND LAKSHMAN!

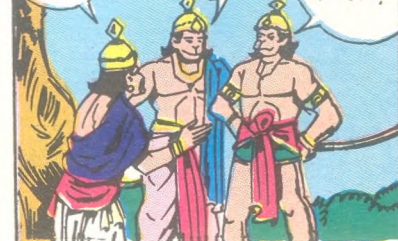
BUT WHERE?



IN THE PATAL REALM. HE'S WELL-VERSED IN ALL WITCH CRAFT AND ILLUSIVE ARTS, AND EXPERT IN GUIISING HIMSELF!

THEN CERTAINLY, HE'S THE ONE TO KIDNAP SLEEPING RAM AND LAKSHMAN. HE MUST'VE COME IN THE NIGHT AND ELOPED WITH THEM!

WHEREVER HE BE WITH MY LORD RAM AND LAKSHMAN, I'LL FIND HIM... EVEN IN THE PATAL REALM!



MAKE HASTE SON OF WIND! LEST SOMETHING UN-TOWARDS MAY TAKE PLACE!

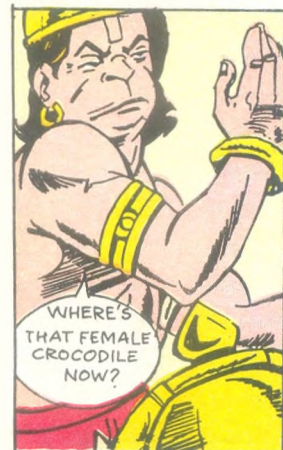
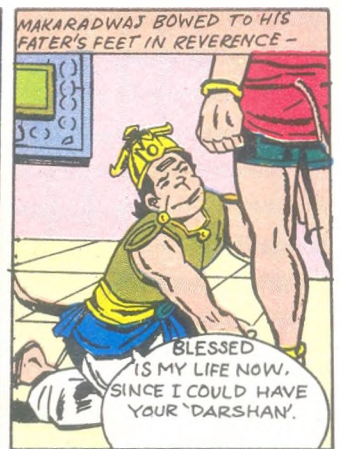


HANUMAN MADE A FLYING DASH TO PATAL —



AS SOON AS HE REACHED THE MAIN ENTRYWAY TO PATAL, AN ELEGANT LOOKING RESPLENDENT MONKEY BLOCKED HIS WAY. HIS NAME WAS MAKARADWAJ —







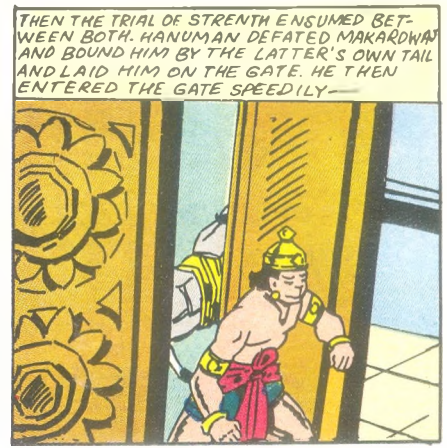
WHERE HAS HE KEPT THEM?



IN THE GODDESS DEVI'S TEMPLE AHIRAVAN IS THE DEVOTEE OF DEVI. HE'D SACRIFICE BOTH OF THEM AT THE ALTAR OF DEVI TO RECEIVE HIS DESIRED BOON FROM THE GODDESS!

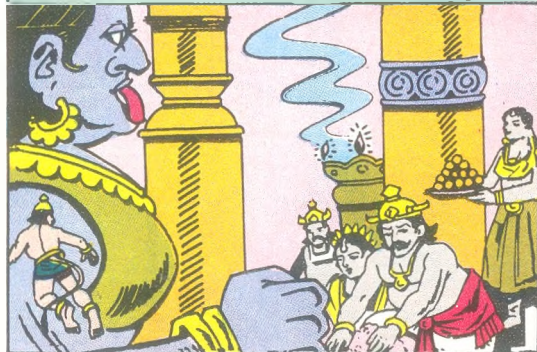


THEN I SHOULD MAKE HASTE, LEST THAT DEMON DOES SOMETHING UNTOWARD, BEFORE I REACH THERE!



THEN THE TRIAL OF STRENGTH ENSUED BETWEEN BOTH. HANUMAN DEFEATED MAKARDWAJ AND BOUND HIM BY THE LATTER'S OWN TAIL AND LAID HIM ON THE GATE. HE THEN ENTERED THE GATE SPEEDILY—

THE ATMOSPHERE INSIDE WAS QUITE GAY. ALL THE DEMONS AND THEIR WIVES WERE BUSY CARRYING VARIETY OF SWEETS AND FRUITS TO DEVI'S TEMPLE TO PERFORM VARIOUS RITUALS CONNECTED WITH THE WORSHIP. HANUMAN ASSUMED A TINY FORM AND ENTERED INSIDE THE DEVI'S IDOL.



SOON AHIRAVAN REACHED THE TEMPLE WITH UNCONSCIOUS RAM AND LAKSHMAN AND BEGAN TO PROPRIATE THE DEVI, BY OFFERING VARIOUS SWEETS AND FRUITS—



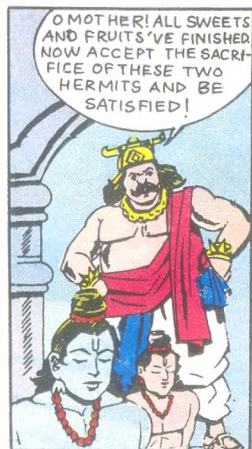
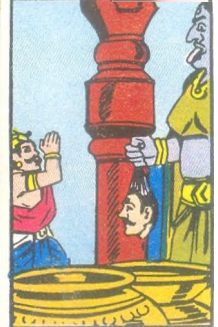
O MOTHER, GODDESS DEVI...! TODAY I'LL FULFILL YOUR LONG COVETED WISH BY SACRIFICING THESE TWO HERMITS AT YOUR ALTAR TODAY I'LL MAKE YOU SURREMLY HAPPY.

HANUMAN BEGAN TO LOSE HIS TEMPER, HEARING AHIRAVAN'S INTENTION. HE WAS SITTING INSIDE THE TEMPLE. HE BEGAN TO EAT THE SWEETS AND FRUITS. AHIRAVAN WAS SURPRISED.



THE DEVI IS TO BE GREATLY PLEASED TODAY. BRING MORE SWEETS AND FRUITS TODAY THE DEVI SEEMS SPECIAL HAPPY WITH ME.

THE PEOPLE PRESENT THERE CONTINUED TO BRING SWEETS ETC. AND HANUMAN, SITTING IN THE IDOL, CONTINUED TO CONSUME THEM. SO MUCH SO THAT THE ENTIRE SUPPLY OF THE PRASAD FINISHED.



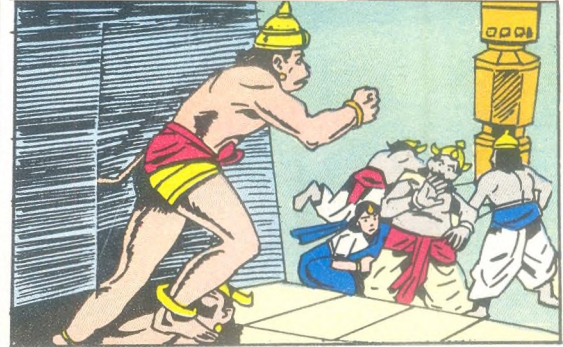
O MOTHER! ALL SWEETS AND FRUITS'VE FINISHED NOW ACCEPT THE SACRIFICE OF THESE TWO HERMITS AND BE SATISFIED!

AHIRAVAN UNSHEATHED HIS SWORD TO HACK OFF THE HEADS OF RAM & LAKSHMAN. THAT VERY MOMENT HANUMAN COMING OUT OF THE IDOL, CONFRONTED AHIRAVAN—

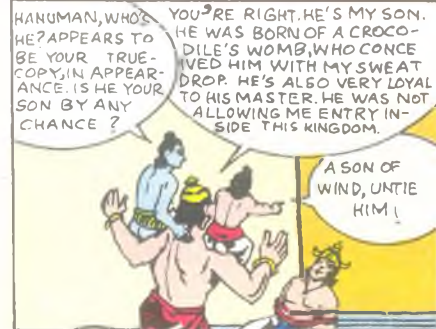


NOT A DEVI, WICKED! I'M A GOD PRESENT HERE. SATISFY ME TOO, O RASCAL!

HANUMAN KICKED AHIRAVAN SO POWERFULLY THAT HE FELL AWAY AND DIED. THEN HANUMAN TOOK ON OTHER DEMONS AND MASSACRED THOUSANDS OF THEM. A GREAT COMMOTION ENSUED AND THE SURVIVING DEMONS AND DEMONNESSES RAN AWAY FOR THEIR SAFETY.



SOON HANUMAN UNBOUND THE ROPES, TYING RAM AND LAKSHMAN, AND PLACING THEM ON HIS SHOULDERS HEADED FOR THE GATE. RAM WAS CONSCIOUS NOW. SEEING MAKARDWAJ LYING TIED AT THE GATE, RAM ASKED—

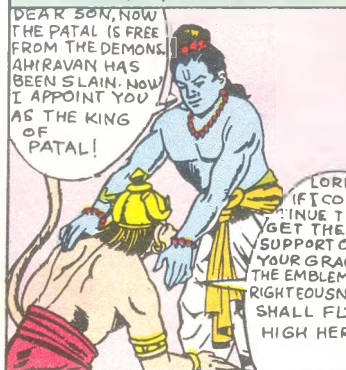


HANUMAN, WHO'S HE? APPEARS TO BE YOUR TRUE COPY, IN APPEARANCE. IS HE YOUR SON BY ANY CHANCE?

YOU'RE RIGHT. HE'S MY SON. HE WAS BORN OF A CROCODILE'S WOMB, WHO CONCEIVED HIM WITH MY SWEAT DROP. HE'S ALSO VERY LOYAL TO HIS MASTER. HE WAS NOT ALLOWING ME ENTRY INSIDE THIS KINGDOM.

A SON OF WIND, UNTIE HIM!

RAM SET MAKARDWAJ FREE BY UNTYING HIM—



DEAR SON, NOW THE PATAL IS FREE FROM THE DEMONS. AHIRAVAN HAS BEEN SLAIN. NOW I APPOINT YOU AS THE KING OF PATAL!

LORD, IF YOU CONTINUE TO GET THE SUPPORT OF YOUR GRACE, THE EMBLEM OF RIGHTEOUSNESS SHALL FLY HIGH HERE



THIS'S WHAT I EXPECT FROM YOU, MAKARDWAJ!

THEN RAM FORMALLY ANNONATED MAKARDWAJ, AS THE KING OF PATAL. HANUMAN THEN PLACED RAM AND LAKSHMAN ON HIS SHOULDERS AND FLEW SPEEDILY, TOWARDS LANKA.

VIKRAM- -VETAL

THE THREE MYSTERIOUS DUCKS.

AFTER VETAL RETURNED TO THE GRAVEYARD, AND HUNG BACK, UPSIDE DOWN, ON THE BURNING SIRAS TREE, ON HEARING RAJA VIKRAMADITYA, SPEAK, VIKRAMADITYA FOLLOWED HIM THERE. HE BROUGHT HIM DOWN FROM THE TREE AND PUTTING HIM ON HIS SHOULDERS, STARTED ON HIS WAY.

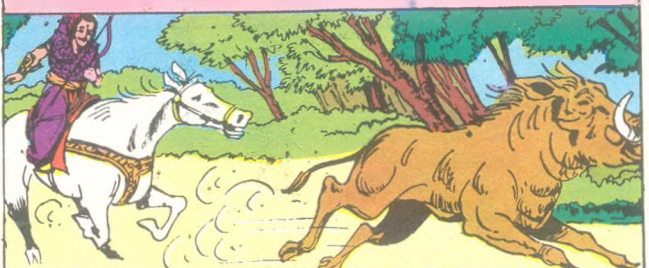
KING, YOU CAN NOT FEEL THE BURDEN OF HEAVY WORK, IF ON THE WAY, WE TALK OF INTERESTING THINGS. SO I'LL NARRATE A STORY, ON CONDITION, THAT IF YOU SPEAK, I'LL RETURN.



LONG AGO, THERE WAS A PRINCE NAMED VEERSINGH, OF A KINGDOM CALLED VIJAYGARH, WHO WAS FAMOUS FOR HIS YOUTH, HANDSOMENESS, INTELLIGENCE AND BRAVERY. ALL AROUND ONE DAY HE WENT TO THE DENSE FORESTS OF UDAY-PUR, FOR HUNTING.



ONE DAY HE FOLLOWED A WILD BOAR WHO WAS VERY FAST AND SWIFT. HE MADE THE PRINCE FOLLOW HIM, ALL DAY LONG.



THEN AT ONE PLACE, HE VANISHED BEHIND SOME TREES.



THE PRINCE SEARCHED FOR HIM, BUT IN VAIN.

AFTER ALL, WHERE DID HE GO?



SUDDENLY, THE PRINCE REALISED THAT HE HAD LOST HIS WAY, IN THE DENSE FOREST.

OH! NOW, HOW WILL I KNOW THE WAY, BACK?



JUST THEN—

HEY, A HUT! THERE MIGHT BE SOME GOOD PERSON, HERE, WHO'LL TELL ME THE WAY.



THE PRINCE CALLED, ON REACHING THE DOOR OF THE HUT.

IS SOMEONE THERE?



HEY, WOW! HOW DID SUCH A BEAUTIFUL GIRL, APPEAR IN THIS DESERTED PLACE?

WHO ARE YOU, STRANGER?



I'M PRINCE VEERSINGH, OF VIJAYGARH— BUT WHO ARE YOU, AND WHERE HAVE YOU COME FROM, IN THIS DANGEROUS FOREST?

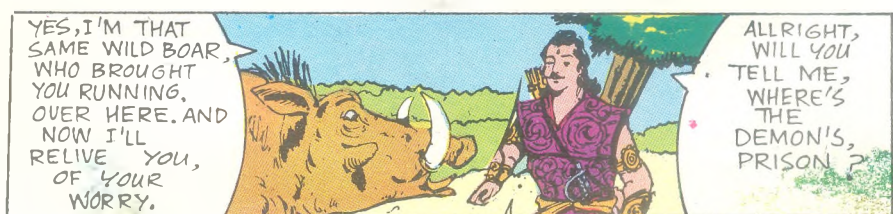
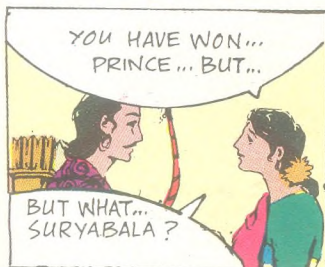
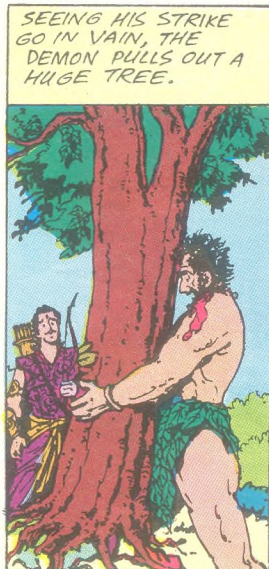
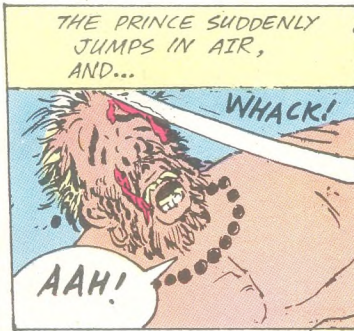
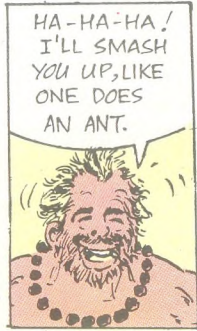


THOUGH, MY NAME IS SURYABALA, MY LIFE HAS BEEN PLUNGED INTO DARKNESS, BY A DEMON CALLED : DAMBHI. HE CARRIED MANY PEOPLE, FROM OUR VILLAGE, OVER HERE AND HAS ALREADY EATEN MANY OF THEM—AND HE HAS GOD KNOWS KEPT OTHERS, WHERE.

HE HAS KEPT ME HERE, TO TAKE CARE OF HIS HUT AND NOW HE'S ABOUT TO ARRIVE, SO RUN OFF!

NO, BEAUTIFUL... IF I HAD NOT SEEN SUCH A BEAUTIFUL GIRL, LIKE YOU HERE, I MIGHT HAVE LEFT. BUT, NOW I'LL KILL THE DEMON AND THEN ONLY, LEAVE—AND THEN MARRY YOU, IF YOU AGREE.





NO... I'M NOT AWARE OF THIS... BUT, THE SAINT, AT JHEELGARH VALLEY, HAS THE ANSWER TO THIS... YOU GO TO HIM.

THANKS! YOU'RE A MYSTICAL ANIMAL, WHO SPEAKS LIKE US HUMANS!

THEN PLACING SURYABALA ON HIS HORSE, THE PRINCE MOVES TOWARDS THE JHEELGARH VALLEY, AS TOLD BY THE WILD BOAR.

THE PRINCE STOPS AT A POND, ON THE WAY, TO HAVE A BATH AND REST, FOR SOMETIME.

BUT, AS SOON THEY ENTER THE POND, TO TAKE A BATH, THREE DUCKS, COME TO THEM.

LOOK, WHAT BEAUTIFUL DUCKS.

SUDDENLY, THE OLDEST DUCK, SPREADS HIS WINGS OVER SURYABALA'S HEAD.

THE NEXT OLD DUCK, TOUCHES SURYABALA'S SHOULDERS WITH ITS WINGS.

THEN BOTH GIVE HER, VALUABLE PEARLS, EACH.

THE THIRD DUCK, WHO WAS A YOUTH, INTURES HIS TOES, WITH IT'S BEAK, MEANWHILE.

AS SURYABALA SEES HIS INJURY, SHE HURRIEDLY TEARS A PIECE OF CLOTH FROM HER SARI, LOOKING WORRIED.

SHE THEN TIES THAT BANDAGE, AROUND THE DUCK'S, INJURED TOE.

AS SOON AS SHE FINISHES BANDAGING, THE DUCK TAKES OUT A KNIFE, HIDDEN IN HIS WINGS, AND GIFTS IT TO THE PRINCE.

SEEING ALL THIS, THE PRINCE SUDDENLY LAUGHS AND SAYS—

YOU STAY WITH THESE BEAUTIFUL DUCKS, FOR SOMETIME, SURYABALA... TILL THEN I'LL GET READY, MY HORSE, FOR TRAVEL.

WHEN THEY TAKE LEAVE, THE THREE DUCKS, WATCH THEM WITH TEARFUL EYES.

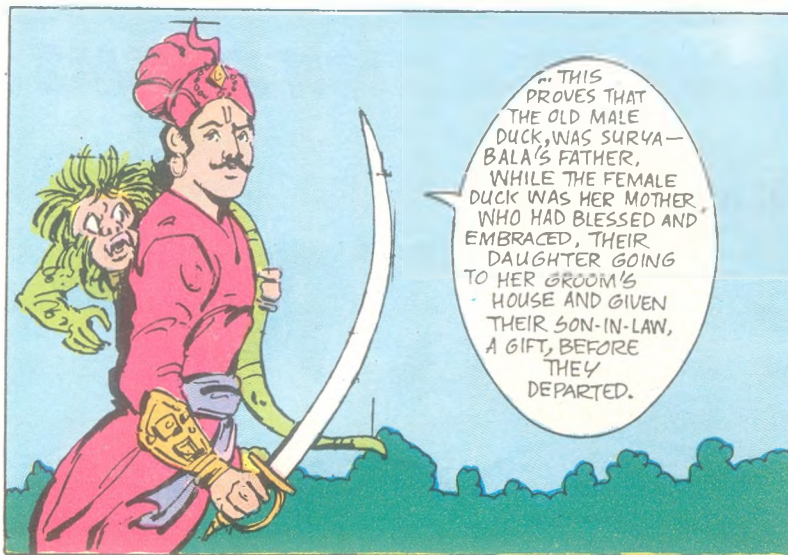
AFTER HAVING THOUGHT FOR A LONG TIME, SURYABALA SUDDENLY ASKED—

WHY DID YOU LAUGH AT ME, AT THE POND... AND LEAVE ME WITH THE DUCKS. I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THIS, ALONGWITH, THE BEHAVIOUR OF THE DUCKS!

HA... HA... HA! THE MATTER WAS REALLY SOMETHING INTERESTING AND NEEDED UNDER—STANDING.

WHAT DID THE PRINCE REPLY TO SURYABALA'S QUESTION, KING VIKRAMADITYA?

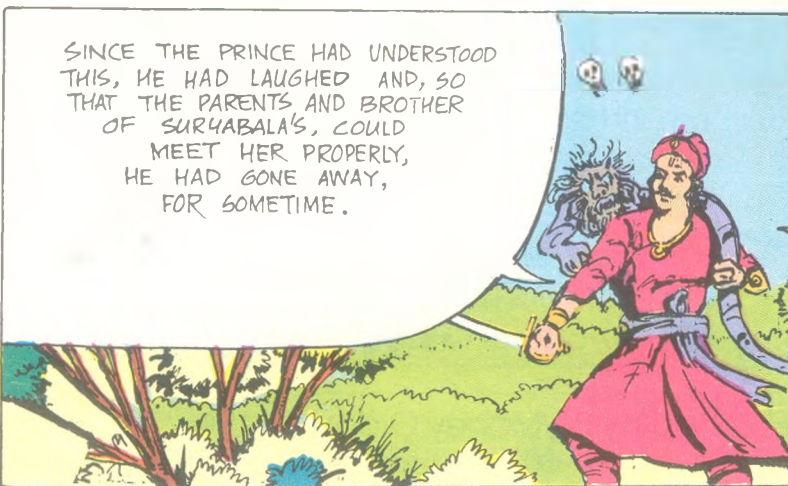
LISTEN VETAL—THE OLD DUCK, DIDN'T PROVIDE SHADE TO SURYABALA, BY SPREADING HIS WINGS—HE HAD BLESSED HER. THE SECOND DUCK HAD EMBRACED HER AND THEN THEY HAD GIFTED THE PRINCE WITH A VALUABLE PEARL EACH...



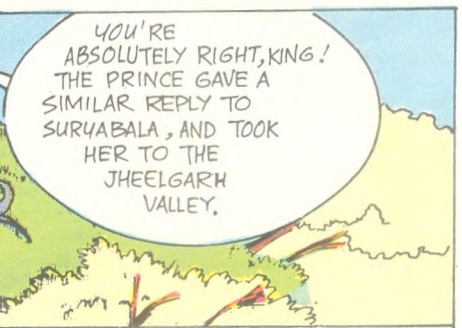
... THIS PROVES THAT THE OLD MALE DUCK, WAS SURYABALA'S FATHER, WHILE THE FEMALE DUCK WAS HER MOTHER, WHO HAD BLESSED AND EMBRACED, THEIR DAUGHTER GOING TO HER GROOM'S HOUSE AND GIVEN THEIR SON-IN-LAW, A GIFT, BEFORE THEY DEPARTED.



THE YOUNG DUCK INJURED HIS TOE AND GOT SURYABALA, TO TIE A BANDAGE AROUND IT, AS HE WANTED HER TO DO THE DUTY OF TYING, A RAKHEE, AROUND HER BROTHER, MEANING, HE WAS HER BROTHER, BY PRESENTING A SWORD TO THE PRINCE, HE PROMISED TO PROTECT HIS SISTER.



SINCE THE PRINCE HAD UNDERSTOOD THIS, HE HAD LAUGHED AND, SO THAT THE PARENTS AND BROTHER OF SURYABALA'S, COULD MEET HER PROPERLY, HE HAD GONE AWAY, FOR SOMETIME.



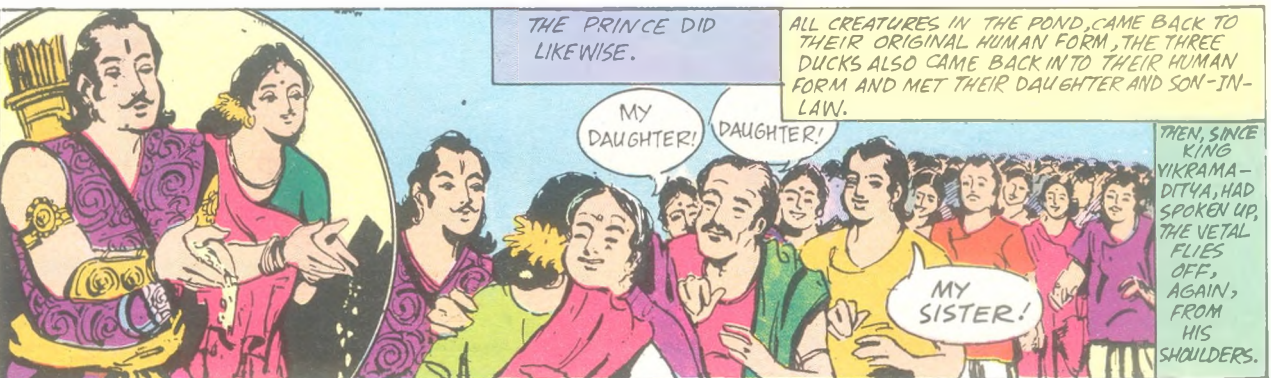
YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, KING! THE PRINCE GAVE A SIMILAR REPLY TO SURYABALA, AND TOOK HER TO THE JHEELGARH VALLEY.



THEY MEET BABA AGHORNATH, THERE.

THE DEMON'S JAIL, IS THE SAME POND, WHERE YOU MET THE THREE DUCKS. HE HAD CHANGED THE PEOPLE INTO WATER ANIMALS AND BIRDS AND KEPT THEM, IN THE POND.

TAKE THIS FLOWER AND PUT IT INTO THE POND, WHICH WILL DRY IMMEDIATELY. ALL WATER ANIMALS AND BIRDS, WILL THEN COME BACK, INTO THEIR HUMAN FORM!



THE PRINCE DID LIKEWISE.

ALL CREATURES IN THE POND, CAME BACK TO THEIR ORIGINAL HUMAN FORM, THE THREE DUCKS ALSO CAME BACK INTO THEIR HUMAN FORM AND MET THEIR DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW.

MY DAUGHTER!

DAUGHTER!

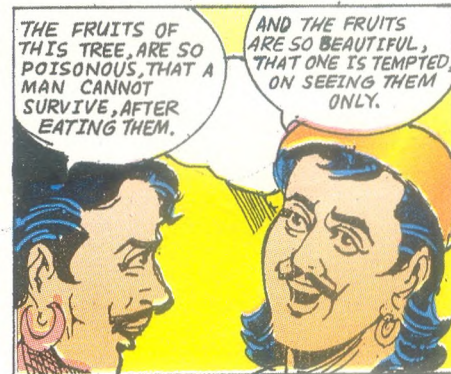
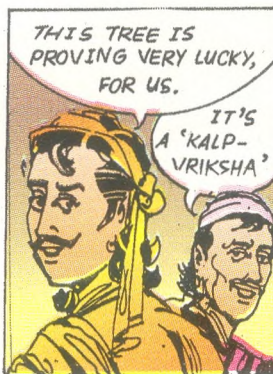
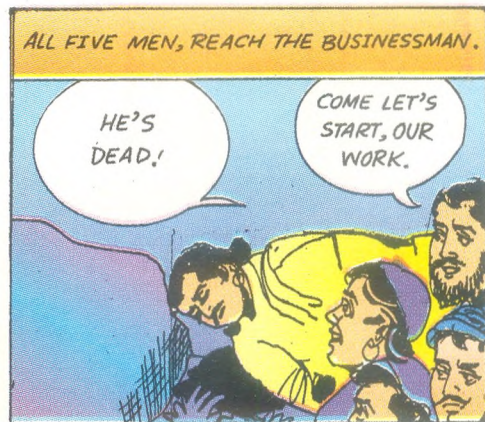
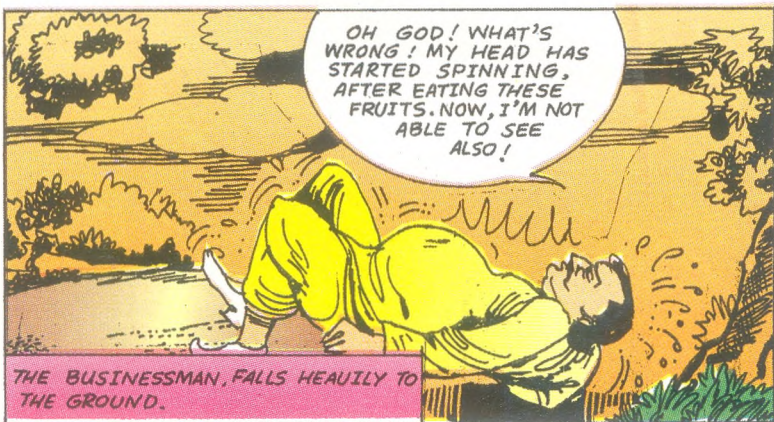
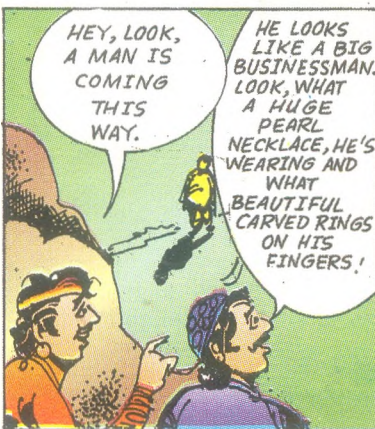
MY SISTER!

THEN, SINCE KING VIKRAMADITYA, HAD SPOKEN UP, THE VETAL FLIES OFF, AGAIN, FROM HIS SHOULDERS.

THE FRUITS TREE

IN A VILLAGE, BESIDE A ROAD, STOOD A HUGE TREE, WHICH WAS LADEN WITH VERY BEAUTIFUL MULTI COLOURED FRUITS. THESE FRUITS WERE SO TEMPTING, THAT WHOEVER SAW THEM, COULDN'T RESIST EATING THEM.

A FEW UNEMPLOYED YOUTHS OF THAT VILLAGE, USED TO SIT NEAR THE TREE, HIDDEN BEHIND SOME ROCK.



ONE DAY, AS THE FIVE WERE SITTING BEHIND A ROCK, THEY SAW A PROCESSION, APPROACHING.



IT'S A VERY BIG PROCESSION, WITH TEN, GOODS LADEN CARRIAGES.

WE'LL BECOME MILLIONAIRES, TODAY.

THIS SEEMS TO BE A MANGO TREE. I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH HUGE MANGOES. THEY MUST REALLY BE VERY SWEET.

YOU TIE THE BUFFALOES IN THE SHADE, WHILE I PLUCK THESE MANGOES, BY CLIMBING THE TREE.



TEN CARTS OF THE PROCESSION, STOP BENEATH THAT TREE.



WE'LL STOP HERE, SINCE IT'S AFTER NOON.

THIS TREE IS PROVIDING A HUGE SHADOW. ALSO, A WATER TANK, IS NEARBY.

HEY, LOOK! WHAT BEAUTIFUL FRUITS ARE LADEN, IN THIS TREE.

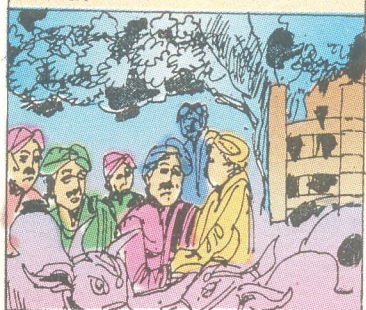
AS ONE MAN CLIMBS THE TREE AND STARTS PLUCKING THE MANGOES, THE OTHERS COLLECT THEM, ON THE GROUND.



ALLRIGHT, BY THE TIME YOU PLUCK THE FRUITS AND CLIMB DOWN, THE MASTER WILL ALSO REACH HERE.

HE MUST BE REACHING. HIS HORSE IS REALLY, SWIFT!

THE CART PULLERS STOP THEIR CARTS, IN THE SHADE AND UNTIE THEIR BUFFALOES AND TIE THEM IN THE SHADE.



HEY, THESE MANGOES SMELL REALLY GOOD. I'LL EAT ONE MANGO.

THEY START EATING THE MANGOES. JUST THEN, THEIR MASTER ARRIVES.



HEY, WHY DID YOU PEOPLE STOP HERE? I HAD TOLD YOU, WE WOULD STOP IN THE GARDENS OF THE NEXT VILLAGE.



SINCE IT HAD GONE AFTER-NOON, MASTER, WE THOUGHT TO STOP BENEATH THIS SHADY GIVING TREE. THERE WAS WATER AND GREEN GRASS FOR OUR BUFFALOES, TOO.

LOOK, MASTER, THIS TREE IS LADEN WITH SUCH BEAUTIFUL MANGOES.



WE THREE HAVE TASTED ONE-ONE MANGO. THEY ARE VERY JUICY AND SWEET SMELLING!

HEY, WHAT'VE YOU PEOPLE DONE? WHY DID YOU EAT THESE MANGOES? THEY'RE POISONOUS.

THE MASTER QUICKLY TAKES OUT A BOTTLE, FROM A BAG, HANGING ON THE HORSE.



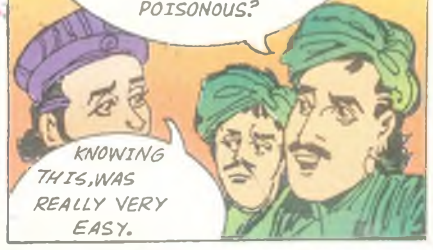
HERE, EAT A TABLET EACH, QUICKLY, OTHERWISE YOU'LL DIE. IT WAS FORTUNATE THAT I REACHED HERE, IN TIME. OTHERWISE, YOU THREE WOULD HAVE DIED.



WHAT'RE YOU SAYING, MASTER? GIVE US THE TABLETS, QUICK!

ALL THREE, EAT ONE TABLET EACH.

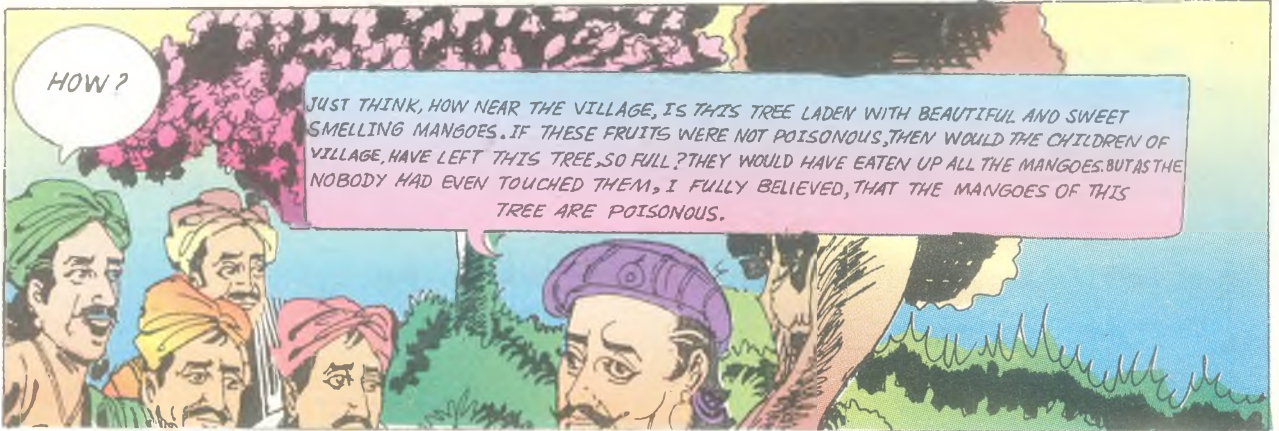
YOU DID NOT EAT EVEN A SINGLE MANGO, MASTER, AND AS FAR AS I KNOW, YOU'VE NOT SEEN THIS MANGO LADEN TREE, EVER BEFORE. THEN HOW DID YOU GUESS, THAT THESE FRUITS WERE POISONOUS?



KNOWING THIS, WAS REALLY VERY EASY.

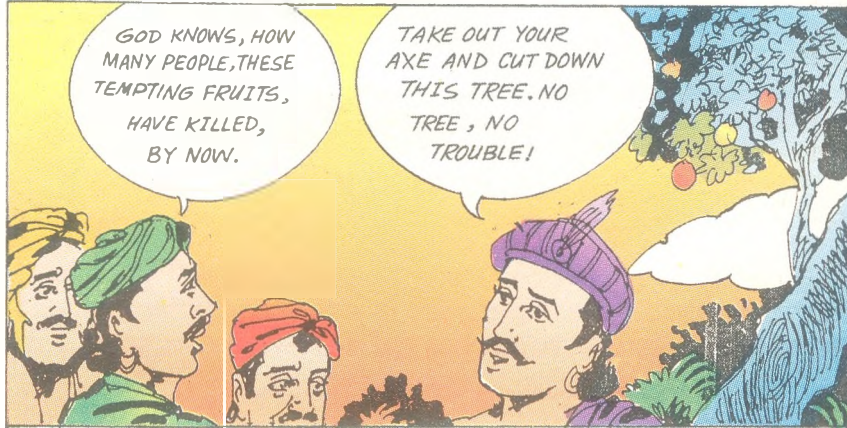
HOW?

JUST THINK, HOW NEAR THE VILLAGE, IS THIS TREE LADEN WITH BEAUTIFUL AND SWEET SMELLING MANGOES. IF THESE FRUITS WERE NOT POISONOUS, THEN WOULD THE CHILDREN OF VILLAGE, HAVE LEFT THIS TREE, SO FULL? THEY WOULD HAVE EATEN UP ALL THE MANGOES. BUT AS THE NOBODY HAD EVEN TOUCHED THEM, I FULLY BELIEVED, THAT THE MANGOES OF THIS TREE ARE POISONOUS.



GOD KNOWS, HOW MANY PEOPLE, THESE TEMPTING FRUITS, HAVE KILLED, BY NOW.

TAKE OUT YOUR AXE AND CUT DOWN THIS TREE. NO TREE, NO TROUBLE!



FIVE PAIRS OF SAD LOOKING EYES, OF THE UNEMPLOYED YOUTHS, WATCH THE TREE BEING CUT, FROM BEHIND A ROCK.



AS YOU WISH, MASTER!



TAKING OUT THEIR AXES, THE BUSINESSMAN'S MEN, CUT THE TREE.

NEW IN THE MARKET



Mini Disc

The Mini Disc by Sharp is a Compact Disc player and recorder which records digitally. It has a sliding CD tray and a earphone option along with a timer.



Knorr Chowmin Mix.

International Bestfoods Limited (IBL) has launched new Knorr Chowmin Mix. IBL has been consistently offering high quality, good tasting and convenient food products in the country. In addition to Knorr, some popular brands in the IBL portfolio include - Brown & Polson, Skippy, Rex, Captain Coko, Glucovita and Tarla Dalal. Bestfoods, the parent company of IBL, is a leading consumer foods company worldwide, with a portfolio comprising of popular brands like Hellman, Knorr, Mazola and Mueller, to name a few. A pioneer in the consumer foods industry, the company fosters a unique culture combining global strategic expertise with local focus and experience.



Casio Vivcel

The Casio Vivcel is a digital watch which vibrates to alert the wearer of an incoming call on the mobile, particularly useful when one does not want to be disturbed during a meeting. It also has a stopwatch, alarm, world time indicator and an auto calender. It costs about \$200.



Global Mobile

Finally there is a mobile phone which actually works across five continents. The Ericsson 1888 is a dual band mobile phone which allows you to have two separate phone numbers for private and business calls. It has a built-in infrared modem which enables you to send and receive e-mails using a laptop.



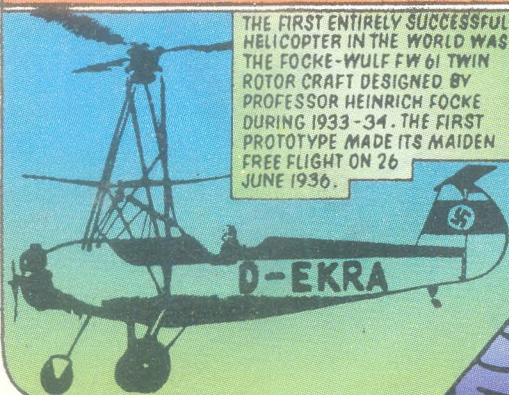
Fuzzy Magic

Videocon has launched a washing machine based on digital technology. Discover Digi Fuzzy Magic is the most convenient way to wash clothes. At the touch of a button, the digital Microprocessor senses the wash load, temperature, ideal water level, wash time, wash type, rinse frequency and other such processes selected for giving a super clear wash.



FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS

HELICOPTER FLIGHTS

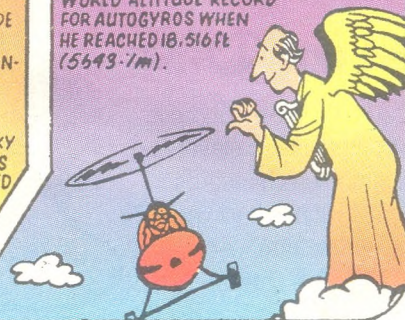


THE FIRST ENTIRELY SUCCESSFUL HELICOPTER IN THE WORLD WAS THE FOCKE-WULF FW 61 TWIN ROTOR CRAFT DESIGNED BY PROFESSOR HEINRICH FOCKE DURING 1933-34. THE FIRST PROTOTYPE MADE ITS MAIDEN FREE FLIGHT ON 26 JUNE 1936.



THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL AND PRACTICAL HELICOPTERS TO BE DESIGNED OUTSIDE GERMANY WERE THOSE OF RUSSIAN-BORN AMERICAN IGOR SIKORSKY (1889-1972). THE VOUGHT-SIKORSKY VS-300 MADE ITS FIRST RECOGNISED FREE FLIGHT ON 13 MAY 1940.

ON 20 JULY 1982, Wg Cdr K.H. WALLIS, FLYING FROM BOSCOMBE DOWN, WILTS IN HIS WALLIS WA-121/MC, SET THE WORLD ALTITUDE RECORD FOR AUTOGYROS WHEN HE REACHED 18,516 ft (5,649.7m).

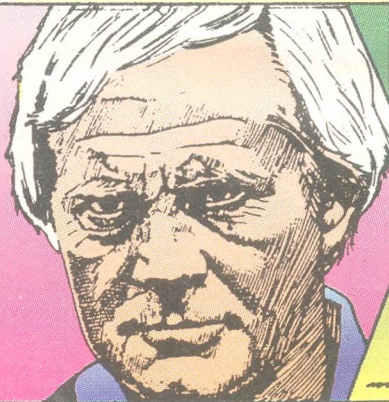


GOLF

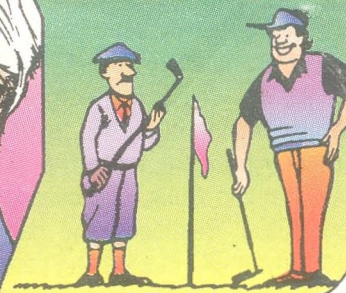
SAMUEL JACKSON (24M) SNEAD (USA) (b. 27 MAY 1912) HOLDS THE RECORD FOR THE MOST VICTORIES IN A SINGLE EVENT ON THE US PROFESSIONAL GOLF TOUR. HE WON THE GREATER GREENSBORO OPEN EIGHT TIMES, IN 1938, 1946, 1949/50, 1955/56, 1960 AND 1965.



JACK NICKLAUS (USA) (b. 21 JAN 1940) WON AT LEAST ONE TOURNAMENT ON THE USPGA TOUR FOR A RECORD 17 CONSECUTIVE YEARS FROM 1962-78.



ON THE US GOLF CIRCUIT IN 1938 THE TOTAL PURSE WAS \$158,000. IN 1986 IT HAD REACHED A RECORD \$25 MILLION.



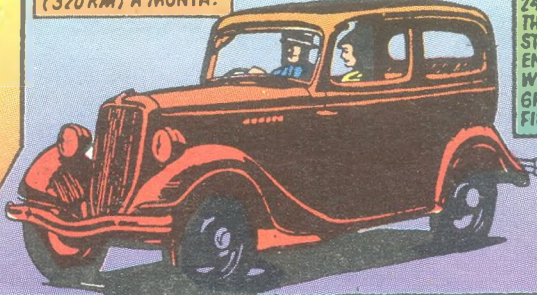
PETROL

THE FINANCE ACT OF 1909 IMPOSED THE FIRST PETROL TAX IN BRITAIN. THIS WAS 3d (1.25p) PER GALLON, BRINGING THE TOTAL COST TO 13.9d (8.75p).

Now they've started there'll be no stopping 'em!



PETROL RATIONING WAS FIRST INTRODUCED IN BRITAIN IN 1939 AND MOTORING FOR PLEASURE CEASED ALTOGETHER IN 1942. IN JUNE 1945 A BASIC PETROL RATION FOR PRIVATE MOTORING WAS RE-INTRODUCED WHICH ALLOWED ABOUT 200 MILES (320 Km) A MONTH.



THE FIRST UN-LEADED PETROL WENT ON SALE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM ON 24 JUNE 1986. THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, WILLIAM WAIDE-GRACE, MADE THE FIRST FILL AT STAMFORD BRIDGE SERVICE STATION, LONDON.

